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> **Major 'must** crush Tory rightwing'

Michael White and Rebecca Smithers

Maradona confesses to cocaine addiction

DRY defector Alan Howarth today warns his old party that John Major's failure 'to deal with Michael Portillo as Edward Heath dealt with Enoch Powell" will condemn the party to at least two gen-

eral election defeats before it comes to its senses. In a fresh incitement to rebellion on the Tory left, made in an article in today's Guardian, the MP for Stratford-on-Avon, who joined Labour two months before Emma Nicholson defected to the Liberal Democrats, pre-dicts that the rightwing ma-jority of Tory MPs who sur-vive the coming election will defeat their One Nation col-leagues in "the short and

nasty struggle" to pick a new Mr Howarth argues that "only when Michael Portillo or John Redwood, or whoever the rightwing leader of the Tories is, has lost the election after next will it be brought home to the party that it has marginalised itself.

"The return to sanity and decency will begin then" too late for One Nation Tories now at Westminster. While Miss Nicholson said

Powell from his shadow cabi-

net after the "rivers of blood"

speech predicting racial may-

Urging ex-colleagues to de-fect to the Labour Party, he

hem in 1968.

yesterday that only Kenneth Clarke's succession to the leadership would start the Tories on "the way back", Mr

but they have not been able to prevail. The time has come for one-nation Tory MPs to say they will no longer put up with the harshness, injustice, dogmatism and stupidity of the dominant right." Although Mr Howarth

urges more leftwing MPs to defect, rather than shore up Mr Major into 1997, he warns them that they will face ostra-cism from ex-colleagues — "the collective malice of a bittar party, amplified by the media" — as he and Miss Nicholson have done.

Some rightwing Torles, in cluding Mr Redwood, are appalled at the harsh rhetoric of colleagues like Michael Hesel tine and Mr Portillo since last week's defection. But yester-day the in-fighting which it triggered showed no signs of subsiding.

Tempers were further in-flamed by a pledge from leftleaning Tory MPs in the new Macleod Group to publish their own alternative policies

shortly. William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, warned fellow moderates that their alleged "manifesto" could undermine the party at a critical time.

As members of the 50-strong group of One Nation MPs played down the signifi-cance of their planned pam-phlet by insisting it was not intended to be provocative, Mr Walderswe said. "I don't Mr Waldegrave said: "I don't think it is very sensible of

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Seumas Milne and Ian Black

HE British government yesterday bowed to pressure from the Saudi regime, the ernment and British arms companies when it ordered the deportation of Saudi Arabia's most prominent dissident to a tiny Caribbean island, the Guardian has

earned Mohammed al-Mas'ari, leader of the influential London-based Islamic opposition group, the Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights, who last year applied for po-litical asylum in Britain, has been given 10 days to appeal against his removal to Dominica, or report to Gatwick air-port on January 19.

Mr Mas'ari, who escaped from Saudi Arabia via Ye-men, was told by the Home that his application was being refused "without tantive consideration



and that Edison James, the orime minister of the former British colony of Dominica has agreed to give him asylum. Earlier this year, a government attempt to deport the Saudi dissident back to Yemen was blocked by the Immigration Appeals Tribunal on the grounds that his life would be in danger there.

News of Mr Mas'ari's de portation order came on the day the Foreign Office announced that Andrew Green, currently in charge of Middle East policy in London, has been appointed British ambassador in Riyadh - reflect-ing the pivotal nature of the Saudi relationship.

The latest move to get rid of Mr Mas'ari was greeted with outrage by human rights and Middle East campaigners.

Lord Avebury, a Liberal Democrat peer and chairman of the Parliamentary Human Rights Group, said the expul-sion was a breach of Britain's obligations under the UN Convention. He added that "highly improper" public criticism of Mr Masa'ri by the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, had seriously preju-diced the asylum seeker's

case. George Galloway, the Scot-tish Labour MP who has championed the Saudi opposi-

Mohammed al-Mas'ari, vociferous critic of the Saudi regime, at home yesterday. He has 10 days to appeal against deportation

Britain an embarrassment in relations with Saudi Arabia, "Elba-type exile" was a "sor-did act of obeisance to the a key export market and polit arms dealers in Britain and ical ally in the region.

In recent months the ques the dictators in Riyadh". tion of what to do with him Under the Immigration Act refugees can be deported to a safe third country if they did has become an obsession for senior mandarins as British not come to Britain from the businessmen were repeatedly country where they risk per-secution. But a Home Office warned of sanctions by Saudi Arabia if action were not taken. King Fahd, until this spokeswoman said she was not aware of any precedent week absolute ruler of Saudi for the power being used in the way it is being deployed Arabia, is understood to have personally demanded Mr Maagainst Mr Masa'ri, who is ex-

s'ari's expulsion when Mr Rifkind was in Riyadh last pected to appeal. Mr Mas'ari's removal November, and British-owned tion, last night wrote to the would be an enormous relief | multinationals such as

member of the royal family. Saudi Arabia bought £1. toll in lost contracts.

Mr Mas'ari was imprisoned and tortured in Saudi Arabia in 1994 and is Britain's 18th before he came to Britain in largest export market. More April 1994. His anti-American organisation campaigns for an elected government and against corruption and the presence of foreign troops in the country. Despite its Islam-ist colour, it has also, for ex-

ample, opposed the Saudi ban on women driving cars. Every week the campaign faxes to Saudi Arabia hun-dreds of copies of a newsletter detailing corruption. A favourite item is "prince of

"Such neonle are unweicome in Britain." a spokesman said. The Saudi Arabian governneut is understood to have billion worth of British goods been informed of the decisio to expel Mr Mas'ari, which has been approved by the

crucial still is the £20 billion Prime Minister and the Cabial-Yamamah arms-for-oil net's Overseas Policy and Dedeal, signed by Margaret Thatcher in 1985, which inence Committe The Foreign Office made no volves the supply of British Aerospace Tornado aircraft and other defence equipment official comment, but a source said: "Mas'ari has been an ir-ritant in the relationship with

over about 20 years. Last November, the Foreign Office denounced Mr Mas'ari Saudi Arabia. We have made no secret of our distaste at certain comments emanating when he expressed under-standing of the motives of those who planted a bomb at a US installation in Riyadh. page 2 from him and his ilk."

Exile hits beards

faced in Australia and centred on Stefan Mandel, a Romanian-born mathematician whose syndicate won £18 million on the Virginia state lottery two years ago. As the rumours gained credibility yesterday, attention focused on the logistical problems, Came-lot, the lottery operator, produced mind-boggling figures designed to prove how steeply the odds are stacked against any

syndicate. Each card, for example, must be filled in by hand. and it takes four seconds for the computer to register every five numbers. At that rate it would take 40 retailers 16 hours to record every possible

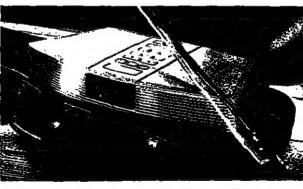
Another source estimated it would take 50,000 hours to fill in every card. If you started at 9am today, you would need 900 insomniac pals to complete the task by the time the lottery closed bet" covering every poss-ible permutation. Reports of the plan surwhich the judgment of its MFs who object deeply to rightwing zealotry must surely be that they should go beyond protesting. They have fought their corner bravely and decording from within and doggedly from within, Hugo Young, page 9

contrasts Mr Major's "ap-peasement" of the right with Mr Heath's expulsion of Mr ceivably be an election year to start challenging people in their own party.

"It's perfectly right to emember that the Conservative Party, or any party in this country which has a chance of winning an election, has got to be a broad

says that the Conservative church. Party has "reached a point of "With confusion and aberration at you are "Within that broad church you are going to have different views. Now, a party that is going to win, and a skilful party, is one that binds together differing views."

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bles, PC Vanessa Greening, aged 22, was still in hospital with a fractured skull last night after being confronted in a Birmingham suburb by six men armed with sledgehammers, an iron bar and

knives. Speaking at a press conference at force headquarters, Sir Ronald Hadfield warned: My fear is that it will take the death of an officer before measures are taken to give my officers protection. The only answer in the



fractured in iron bar attack

slow march towards arming all police is the introduction of some form of incapacitator such as CS gas or pepper, which is used in America." In the unconnected incidents on Tuesday evening, of-

ficers in Birmingham were

conjures up unlikely tale be firearms. I have increased the number of firearms carried by officers in my force but if these police officers had an incapacitator of some sort,

they could have prevented further injuries to urther injuries to hemselves." The chief constable said he atd and was beaten around

would prefer pepper spray, which was widely used by American police. The Home the head with an iron bar. In the second incident, two Office and Association of officers were called to a flat in Chief Police Officers are con-Edghaston, where they concerned about the medical effronted a gang assaulting the fects of pepper sprays, which owner. At least four of the some sources fear could be gang were armed with knives, carcinogenic.

including a seven-inch bowle Trials of CS sprays were hlade. halted last summer after a Assaults on police officers Metropolitan Police inspector are up 5 per cent on the previous year, Sir Ronald said. "We have here three incisuffered burns to his eves. Chemists are searching for a dents where my officers could have been killed very, very safer solvent to be used in

of syndicate laying a £14m 'lousy bet' **Owen Bowcott**

Dity and security precan-tions, speculation grew yesterday that a 2,500-strong Australian syndicate was planning to win the record £33 million-plus triple roll-

Jackpot fever

over National Lottery jackcombination. pot this weekend. However, the Heritage Department insisted only a lunatic would waste £13,983,916 on a "lousy

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faced with two gangs wielding | easily. They were protected knives. PC Greening and a | only by a baton and the next colleague, PC Jon Jackson, | option available to me would

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Washington sketch

Telling it like it is - in the audience



Jonathan Freedland

HITNEY Houston is not a preacher, though she seemed like one. Each time she spoke, her audience cried out in response. "That's right," they chorused like a congregation at one of Washington's countless black churches. "Hmm-hmm, say it girl."

Except this was not a church, but a cinema. And Whitney Houston was not preaching, but on screen in the first smash hit of 1996: Waiting To Exhale, the movie version of a novel about four black professional women and their search for the right man.

The overwhelmingly black audience at Washington's Union Station cinema was proof that, since opening as the number one film in America, Waiting is no longer a mere movie. It's a social phe-

African-American women have hailed the film as "our Million Man March" — their answer to the all-male black rally that filled Washington last October.

Groups of black women mothers, daughters, friends, church groups and women's book clubs — have been pack-ing out cinemas like this one, engaging in the kind of call-and-response usually reserved for the baptist ser-

mon or the political rally. "Go, girl!," cried the audi-ence in unison, when Bernadine, played by Angela Bas-sett, filled her cheating husband's BMW with all his suits, doused it in petrol and torched the lot. His crime: he had just told Bernadine he way leaving her — for a white

Never for a moment was the cinema silent. "Hal-lo," the audience called as love interest Wesley Snipes came into view. "Swing, girl," they urged as portly Gloria wiggled her way past a new suitor.

When Whitney Houston was submitted to a rapid, no-

foreplay clinch, the audito-rium erupted. "Hold on baby, I'm on ny way," said the young on-screen lover, unable to contain himself. The rest of the scene was greeted by whoops, cheers and laughter. The men in the audience were onspicuously hushed. "I wouldn't shake that man's hand." muttered Anita

Bonner, as Bernadine made peace with her ex after win-ning a chunky alimony settlement. "She did the right thing honey." said Anita's husband Calvin.

The Union Station cinema has become used to an audi-ence-participation tradition among the mainly black community it serves. A sign head-lined "Yakety Yak!" reminds patrons of the "two shushes" rule — be warned over noise twice and you're out.

But Waiting To Exhale is a special case. "You can relate to it," said Sarah Jones, a secretary at the Department of Commerce. "You've thought it before, and it's like, finally meone said it."

Actress Lela Rochon has said she liked making the film because, for once, black vomen were not shown as "hookers, strippers and on welfare." Sarah Jones agree "A lot of black films are beat 'em up, gang 'em up, and life i not always like that."

She and her friend Cynthia Miller had spent their New Year's Eve just like the characters in the film and they related to every detail, from the ageing mother living off state benefits to the all-black

beauty salons. "We're all like that," said Cynthia. "This movie's opening a lot of people's eyes to their own lives." Critics have attacked the

film and the source novel for damning portrayals of black men, but the Washington crowd had no problem with the view that relationships with married men or crackheads are doomed

"They're behind bars, they've got bad credit, they want white women, they're ugly, and they've got little dicks that can't fuck," say the four characters during one, ensemble men-bashing ses-

Actually, the list went on, but the rest was inaudible swamped by the noise of laughter, high fives and

OM WOLFE would digital tools can produce, not have a fine time only among Saudi Arabia's with Mohammed al-notoriously nervous rulers. Mas'ari, the un-crowned king of Middle East-ern radical cheek. For well over a year, Mr Mas'ari, aged 49, has used the unlikely venue of London NW10 to maul the Saudi regime with hittech guerrilla warfare, and in the process has made himself Saudi Arabia's best known dissident. In that time, the flat in Willesden where he has lived boardrooms. since coming secretly to Brit-ain in April 1994, has become evision inte viewers, Arab informants and the disaffected of the Gulf.

British firms, reports Leslie Plommer

In the eight months to August 1995, Britain sold 2960 million worth of exports to Saudi Arabia. The giant al-Saudi irritation at the activities of a hi-tech (dissident has sent frightening signals to Yamamah armaments con-

Roseau, the capital of Dominica, an island of 72,000 whose main export is bananas (below right). The tranquility is shaken only by the odd hurricane

tracts no longer come easily, the Mas'ari factor has frightbut among Britain's supposened British industry badly edly phlegmatic elite as well. While many Saudis and and left what appears to be a strong asylum case in shreds. A talkative and often Western officials are not conhumorous former physicist, educated partly in the United States, Mr Mas'ari, aged 49, vinced by his self-portrayal as a campaigning democrat suspecting him of being in the thrall of Islamic medievalists — his anti-Riyadh attacks have recently begun to hit hard, not so much among average Saudis but in British won his first British appeal against deportation earlier this year. Under international asylum

conventions, he cannot be returned to Saudi Arabia, 'There is a growing nega-tive attitude at the [Saudi] where he was jailed in 1993. Britain's Immigration Ap-

An idyll it may seem, but Dominica will

Exile hits boardrooms where it hurts

The Caribbean island, all



devout, may have to look forest, or scuba-diving, anything natural, we've got

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plenty of that." What the island can boast

not placate its new tract alone accounts for 70,000 British jobs. At a time when Guif conguest. Edward

Pilkington writes

A SHE drags himself out of bed at dawn every morning to perform the first of five daily prayer rituals, Mohammed al-Mas'ari could be excused for asking: "Why in Allah's name did they send me to Dominica?'

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Driven to despair The loss of this bridgehead would be a blow to Mr Mas'ari and his "Committee for the Defence of Legitimate in moral depravity Rights" if Britain carries out his expulsion to the Carib-bean island of Dominica as planned on January 19.

sion.

Michael Billington

The Duchess of Malfi Wyndham's Theatre

OU can go years without seeing Webster's The Duchess of Malfi. Then, suddenly, like Number 11 buses, they come along in pairs. But Declan Donnellan's Cheek By Jowl revival is infi-nitely darker and more disturbing than last year's Greenwich Theatre production, which also, by odd chance, ended up at Wyndham's. One thing, however, they

have in common - an emphasis on the quasi-incestuous relationship between the duchess and her twin brother, Ferdinand. In older, more circumspect, days it always seemed odd that Ferdinand and the Cardinal should object so strenuously to their widowed sister's furtive liai-

son with her steward. But here Scott Handy's feverish Ferdinand paws and mauls Anastasia Hille's reciprocally affectionate duchess in a way that suggests they are still locked together in a nurs-ery passion. Even the vicious practical jokes he plays on her smack of infantile japes rather than ghoulish borror

This is in keeping with the tone of Donnellan's immaculately intelligent production. He treats the play less as a Hammer horror exercise in the macabre than as a study of the contrast between official belief and instinctive sexuality. He sets the action in a 1980ish Italianate world poised uneasily between Catholicism and fascism and that masks

the real nature of people's paper black and deep desires.

PLO police arrest Arab liberties activist

occupation, has more recently been an outspoken

Derek Brown in Ramallah

critic of the arbitrary rule of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in the autono-THE dismal human rights record of the self-rule Palmous parts of the West Bank estinian Authority has reached a new nadir with the and the Gaza Strip. illegal detention of a distin-guished civil liberties activ-ist Bassem Eid. Mr Eid was picked up from his home in East Jerusalem late on Tuesday night and

Mr Eid, who has camtaken to the Ramallah headpaigned for years against the injustices of Israeli military rity police unit. quarters of Force 17, a secu-

Disseminating newsletters by fax and Internet pro-nouncements mixing rumour, fact and invective, Mr Mas'ari The result is a revelation. In this context, Anastasia Hille's astonishing duchess be comes has shown what alarm an arnot an alabaster saint but a ticulate operator with a few woman of fierce sexuality who is driven to despair by her brothers' insane plotting. Even when she tries to pray

she kicks over the crucifix angrily. And when she cries, "I am Duchess of Malfi still," she strikes an ironic pose with hand on hip and a cigarette dangling from her mouth. Yet although Hille plays down the idea of innate nobility, she moves one deeply when she cries: "Men off are valued high when they are most wretched.

But running through the whole production is the idea OCTORS treating a young woman who slipped into a coma that political and religious ab-solutism camouflage twisted sexuality, Paul Brennen's after taking an ecstasy tablet worldly Cardinal humiliates at a New Year's Eve disco said yesterday that she is his mistress savagely. Handy's lycanthropic Ferdi-nand is a bad case of arrested development, and even Nicola Redmond as the Cardinal's likely to make a full recovery. Helen Cousins. aged 19, was in a coma for two days, suffering a series of fits, and was breathing with the aid of a ventilator. She is now drifting in and out of consciousness, fancy-woman anally rapes George Anton's dour Bosola with a pistol. Donnellan clearly projects Webster's point --- that the exercise of

breathing on her own and has been transferred from the in-tensive care unit of Peterborough district hospital to a general ward.

pomer is connected intimately with perversity and that these "wretched eminent things" live corrupt double lives. Effects are achieved with Michael Dronfield, who is treating her, said: "I think the great economy. Nick Ormer-We expect her to make a com-plete recovery. The next day od's set consists of swagged drapes and state chairs yet you get a pervasive sense of moral corruption. And nothwill be quite important." Miss Cousins' collapse fol-lows the death of Leah Betts, ing is more startling than the way the Duchess, after ber death, remains on stage and who never regained congazes with rapt pity on the accumulating violence. sciousness after taking ec-stasy at her 18th birthday party a few weeks before Christmas. This review appeared in later editions of yesterday's

Miss Cousins took the tablet while celebrating at Win-ners nightclub in Peterbor-ough. She collapsed later, at a

friend's house. her death was opened and ad-Before slipping into a coma, journed on November 22. she had drunk seven litres of Miss Cousins' parents, Trevor and Janet, said yesterday: "Helen is our only child and water trying to quench the thirst which ecstasy induces. Dr Dronfield said Miss Cousins put her life in danger what has happened, by drinking too much water.

The sodium level in her blood ter, your son, your sister, had dropped alarmingly, leading to coma. He said that people who took ecstasy thought it right to drink water to counter the

They also appealed for in dangers of dehydration in nightclubs and parties. "It is not widely known that their daughter the drug. there is evidence that one of

נומודר. צו clared that neither could he be sent to ness with Britain," one banker said yesterday. He added that "irritation has Yemen, where he stayed for several months. intensified" at Mr Mas'ari's Exile in Dominica seems

activities, and is now "excrude device, a modern replay of the colonial pique treme right through to the top" in the Saudi government. that sent Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus into exile in the Seychelles in 1956. British companies say firmly that, although they

But, of course, the arch have received no formal bishop later became presi-dent. Mr Mas'ari may not be threats, there have been clear and increasing signals in the past three months that they are being refused contracts because of Mr Mas'ari's resisaudi government cannot yet rest easy — even if British business can.

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Ecstasy in the bloodstream reaches the brain

72,000 population - and a smattering of Anglicans, Methodists and Pentecos-talists. But where are Mr Mas'ari's fellow Muslims? "Followers of Islam?" responded a bemused womap at the Dominican High Commission in London yesterday. "Not at all, not at all. Nothing to mention one or two individuals, but there is no predominance of

absent. "White sandy beaches? Oh no, we can't claim to have them," said Muslims in Dominica." With his faith uncatered the woman from the High for, Mr Mas'ari, who is Commission. "If you like

hard to reach. is hurricanes. Two of them He will have his work cut Iris and Louis, pummelled out, for instance, if he it last year. wishes to contact the Brit-ish authorities. Since Domi-There is one consolation nica's independence in 1978, the nearest outpost of

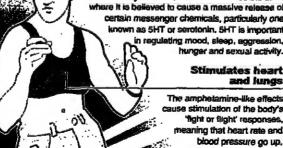
prize awaiting Mr Mas'ari if and when he steps off the plane in the capital, Ro-British diplomacy has been seau. The island was one of in Barbados, an hour's the first in the West Indies to receive the telephone. flight away. The traditional delight of

That will please Mr Ma-Caribbean islands is also s'ari, who is renowned for promulgating his dissent via fax. So, if his expulsion is designed to silence him, the authorities may have to think again.

Coma girl recovering

dence in Britain.

Ecstasy taker out of intensive care unit, reports Vivek Chaudhary



The risks

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> Many of the risks stem from the ces used to adulterate the tablets, but ecstasy itself is linked to panic attacks, dizzines fainting, vomiting, headaches and

the problems ecstasy can | launched a nationwide camcause is that it affects the kidneys' ability to get rid of water," he added.

Betts died from drinking too much water. An inquest into

we are totally devastated by "This could be your daugh-

your brother. "Please, if you are tempted to take drugs and you are listening to this, think about it. Don't take the risk."

formation about who sold Miss Betts' parents getting through."

convulsions and death. paign to warn youngsters about ecstasy, and Leah's picture was used in anti-drugs posters and leaflets. Her father, Paul Betts, sent the Cousins a message of support, adding that Helen's case

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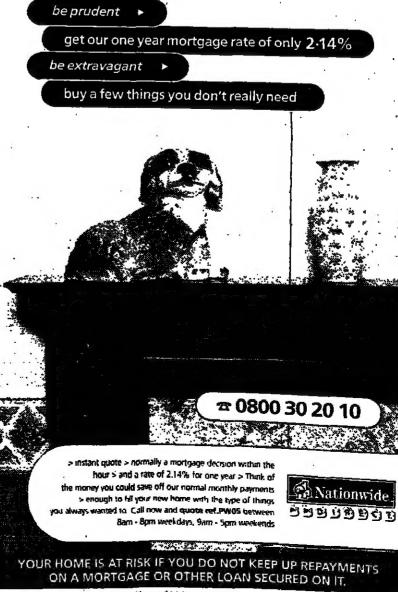
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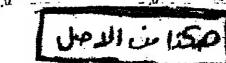
makes me wonder if we are getting through at all". He added: "We are wonder ing how many more young people have to become ill be fore the Government cracks down on ecstasy and other

drugs. **Detective Superintendent** Keith Chamberlin, of Cam bridgeshire police, who is leading the hunt for the push-ers who sold the drug to Miss Cousins, said: "It appears the message about taking drugs,

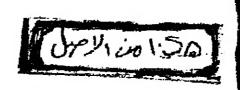
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NEWS 3 Health plans anger

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

GPs

OCTORS are to protest that the British Medi-cal Association sent them promotional material for discount private health insurance at a time when it says it is battling to save the National Health Service. Association members have

received a letter on behalf of PPP Healthcare, a leading in-surer, saying that as doctors they are 'probably more dis-cerning when it comes to

healthcare needs". The BMA defended its action, saying it has been in-volved in private schemes since before the NHS was created. But critics question the wisdom of the promotion at a time when the service's future is under fierce debate. John Collee, a doctor who writes on medical matters for the Observer newspaper,

"I think it is absolute said: scandalous. Here we are, all furiously supporting the prin-ciples of the NHS, and yet here's the BMA inviting me to join PPP at reduced rates."

Sam Everington, an east London general practitioner and member of the BMA's ruling council, said he would raise the issue at pert week's council meeting. "It's highly hypocritical to be supporting the NHS on the one hand and promoting private medicine on the other. The defence will be that there is no reason why BMA members should not have the choice, but it's quite a different thing to be sending this stuff out."

The letter, distributed last month, encourages doctors to subscribe to one of three plans drawn up by PPP for BMA members. One offers particularly cheap rates on the basis that doctors do not charge each other, or each other's families. It does not therefore

cover specialist fees. A BMA spokesman said the association had been party to similar schemes "since the year dot", although only a few of its 108,000 members took advantage. It was not opposed to private medicine, which did not damage the NHS in any way. In the same way as any other professional organi-sation, all we are doing is offering cheaper rates on the basis of a group scheme."

Glastonbury takes one-year break to regain hippy spirit

Geoffrey Gibbs and Alex Bellos

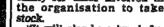
LASTONBURY festival yesterday became a victim of its own mammoth success when its founder cancelled this year's event, say-ing it needed a rest to recapture its original hippy spirit,

spirit. Michael Eavis, the Somer-set farmer who has seen the festival grow in 25 years to become the biggest rock music event in Europe, said: "We're having a fallow year, having a rest — it's good farming practice." Mr Eavis, aged 60, denied the decision was linked to his recent selection as the Labour candidate for Tory-held Wells

a bit magical candidate for Tory-held Wells and mystical. at the next general election. He added that the next festi-val would take place in June Really, we want

to take the The gaping hole in this year's pop calendar is music to the ears of the big-time pro-moters, Mean Fiddler, who festival's profile back a little way'

'It's nice to be



the people who don't like it — because they are pretty long suffering," he added. Mr Eavis, a father of eight children from two marriages. is treated with almost as

Bald with a bushy beard, he may look like an eccentric, but has a shrewd business brain in running the £4 million festival as well as his organic farm, which produces 8,000 pints of milk a day.

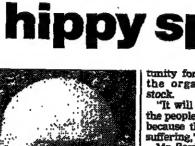
from either the police or the local authority, and both bodies had sounded disappointed when he informed them. "Normally I get done for something, but 1995 was the first time in six years that



Land-Rover shaking people's bands.

He said there had been no pressure to cancel the festival

I have not been prosecuted,"





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A guide to the other big music

much devotion by festival goers as the pop stars that perform. He is often seen driving around the site in his



n relentie into the business and now control the four next highest-**Michael Eavis, farmer** profile events, including and Glastonbury host

Phoenix and Reading. It will also be greeted with a from stone masonry to measure of relief by locals meditation. Its success confirmed Glasnear Mr Eavis's Worthy

Farm, at Pilton, near Shepton Mallet, not all of whom weltonbury's reputation as one of the most vibrant and diverse festivals in the world. Mr Eavis said: "It's become come the invasion of tens of

thousands of people for the very high profile, and that's a three-day event. Last summer's festival was the busiest so far, with all bit of a problem. I won't say we're going back to our hippy roots, but it's nice to be a bit 80,000 tickets sold and at least another 20,000 people who scaled the perimiter fence. magical and mystical about it. We want to take the profile of

the festival back a bit." The cream of Britpop, such as Oasis and Pulp, played, and there were acres of fields

The break would give the farm and wildlife a chance to the festival's cancellation, escontaining activities ranging | recover and provide an oppor-

"In recent times we have had years off in 1988 and 1991 following problems in the festivals of the proceeding year. In 1995 the weil-publicised event of the fence coming down led to some problems,

and these will have to be resolved for future years." Graham Jeffs, chief execu-tive of Mendip district coun-cil, said the decision to suspend the 1996 event would enable the council and the or-

winning Wells. The previous ganisers to give further con-Labour candidate came a sideration to ways of control-ling the perennial problem of poor third in 1992, polling just over 6,000 votes compared with almost 22,000 for the Liberal Democrats and the numbers attending the festival Charities will lose out from

28,620 for the victorious Tory, David Heathcoat-Amory.

pecially Greenpeace, which uses the festival as a show-

case for its campaigns. It also

got the lion's share of the

£450,000 which Mr Eavis do-

Mr Eavis is not considered

to have much of a chance in

nated to charity last year.

Tycoon's death 'irrelevant' Lottery fever conjures up tale of £14m Maxwell trial: Jury urged to borses at Ascot, you will all 'lousy bet'

look at media group's 'culture'

lan King

ROBERT MAXWELL'S mysterious death at sea should be regarded as "accidental" and irrelevant to the innocence or guilt of his sons, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday. Lord Justice Phillips, be-

ginning his summing-up in the 118-day trial, told jurors that despite speculation that the media baron had committed suicide, the prosecution had offered no evidence for this, and no "adverse inference" could be drawn from it. it would not be enough to

decide that it was "more likely than not" that the three accused - Kevin and Ian Maxwell, and Larry Trachtenberg, financial adviser to the Maxwell empire - were guilty. Jurors had to be certain.

his father to defraud the pen-

The three deny conspiring was dishonest. He added: "If you put your to defraud Maxwell pension money on an outsider at the funds by risking £22 million Ascot races, you may be con-sidered rash, but no one will worth of shares in the Israeli pharmaceutical group, Teva, suspect that you acted imas collateral for Maxwell properly and dishonestly. But group loans. Kevin Maxwell alone denies conspiring with

agree that pensioners whose pensions are being put at risk will have grounds for molaint

Judge Phillips said jurors needed to consider the "cul-ture" of the Maxwell empire, sion fund, by misusing £100 million of shares in the Israeli printing group Scitex. Judge Phillips told jurors that if they believed Robert Maxwell had not been guilty where assets were frequently transferred between the group's companies, and in of conspiracy, they had to acwhich Robert Maxwell had quit Kevin on the Scitex charge, since it took two to make a conspiracy. If jurors acquitted Kevin on the Teva frequently used the funds in effect as a "private merchant bank". He said they needed to weigh up whether the defendants were so "infected" with this culture that they "lost charge, they also had to acquit the others, since the Crown's case against Kevin was its "foundation stone". The three defendants had sight of the implications of their conduct". In doing so, jurors would need to consider been directors of Bishopsgate Kevin Maxwell's character.

He went on: "I don't believe Investment Management that any of you, having seen Mr Maxwell in the witness (BIM), the Maxwell group pension company responsible for administering the funds for pensioners' benefit. Butbox for about 21 days, can have been left in any doubt about his very considerable the judge said taking commercial risks with pension fund assets was not dishonest in it self — the jury had to be cer-tain the defendants had ability. Reminding jurors that Kevin Maxwell had admitted

lying to officials from the Bank of Nova Scotia, the judge said the impression known what they were doing given by a witness was "not an infallible guide to truthful-ness". But jurors should not conclude: "He's told lies, why should we believe a word he says? He must be guilty." if trustees risk pension fund Judge Phillips continues assets by putting them on summing up today.

Continued from page 1 on Saturday evening. Then you would need more people to place the tickets in time. To win the Virginia lottery, Mr Mandel's syndi-cate used 30 computers, 12 accountants and a paratrooper to oversee security. While attempts have been made to buy every se-quence on the Irish Lotto which requires only five winning numbers out of 36 possibilities — the UK ver-sion was designed to have too many permutations. "A £14 million outlay

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could guarantee a jackpot, but not an exclusive jack-pot win," a Camelot spokes-woman said. One rollover prize last January pro-duced 133 jackpot winners, who each won just £122,510.

The lottery monitors sales patterns at all 26,000 outlets in the UK. Nothing suspicious has emerged. "If we noticed anything odd ... we would stop it," the spokeswoman said. "Anyway, if the winning ticket is bought as part of an operation to cover every number, we are not liable to pay out." Some odds.

Three Dublin contract-killer style assassinations in just one day prompted the government's justice minister, Nora Owen, to issue a statement in response to newspaper reports that the capital is "on the brink of mob war".

David Sharrock

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**** . 500.2 The way it was . . . festival-goers entering into the spirit of Glastonbury last year

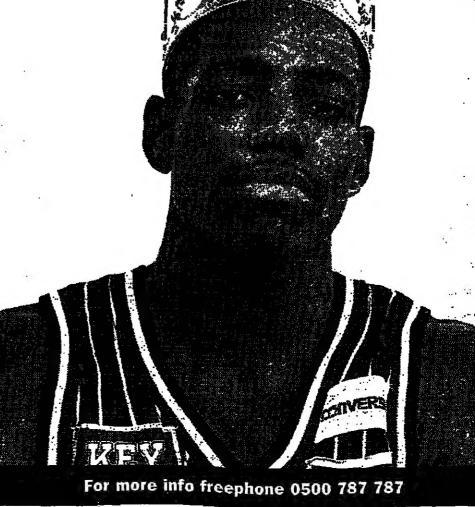
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PPP, formerly Private tients Plan, was started in 1940 by the BMA and four medical royal colleges. NHS was created in 1948.



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The Guardian Thursday January 4 1996

With parts of Scotland and North-east still without water some firms are forced to shut down but Government rules out immediate cash aid

Insurers face huge burst pipes bill

Martin Wainwright and David Ward

RITAIN's battere insurance market is facing the new burden of an estimated £500 million bill for damage caused by burst pipes and disrupted

water supplies in the sudden new year thaw. Continuing cut-offs in Scot

land and the North-east threaten to push the cost of nancial disaster" if the first the chaos higher, with fish processing in Aberdeen, computer chip manufacturing in Strathclyde and small firms in Northumberland facing extended holidays or forced to suspend production.

The Government last night offered talks with local authorities on help for dealing with the clear-up, but ministers were cagey about | Insurance offices in Scot-

whether that would include substantial funding. Army tankers have been deployed to help supply parts of Scot-land — working in tandem with loaned whisky lorries and more than 30,000 people in the worst-affected areas are still without water after up to five days. The Scottish Office minister, Raymond Robertson, offered emergency talks on a visit to Aberdeen, where fish-ing companies warned of "fi-

market of the new year is un-able to go ahead today. He land, Newcastle upon Tyne | and Manchester have been in-undated with claims. Some agreed that financial help was "an issue which will have to householders are videoing flood damage and pressing be faced" but ruled out immediate talks on funds. ahead with expensive repairs,

"We will discuss that, but including hiring de humidify-ing machines, which were virtually unobtainable in the the immediate priority is to get water supplies back to normal in homes, hospitals worst-hit areas by last night. and industry." Big claims are expected from local education authorities

As THE row raged over \$2567,000 to the expected has nodded through Lyon-the water companies' remuneration package of naise's bid. remuneration package of performance, it emerged £205,000 for Northumlast night that three of the brian's chief executive, directors of Northumbrian David Cranston, in 1996 Water have received confir-Labour revealed last night. mation that they will share profits of over £1 million Analysis done for the shadow chancellor, Gordon from their share options as Brown, suggests that J.M. a result of the successful French takeover bid for the Taylor, the group finance director, will gain £492,238 firm, writes Michael White. as a result of executive Lyonnaise des Eaux's share options, now that the takeover is set to add Trade Secretary, Ian Lang, share options, now that the

the Finance Bill later this For an executive director Jon Hargreaves, the deal will be worth £277,112 in share options on top of his salary and performance-related bonus of up to 30 per cent. Since remuneration committees are meant to take into account "any significant issue concerning unacceptable quality of service", Mr Brown's team prospect.

for burst pipes. Twenty schools in Bradford, which is already struggling to finance ous fault with emergency procedures Ofwat said that exceptional an estimated £48 million weather had caused the prob school repair programme,

lems, although a detailed were severely damaged. analysis of firms' responses would not be possible until The image of the privatised water companies took an-

other battering as water tankafter discussions later this ers were delayed and leak repairs went into the fourth month It is unlikely to pursue by Labour's spokesday. But the water regulator,

month The bid became uncondi

had been significant mantional on December 28 when the French firm, power reductions in the industry and said that shortage which already owns North of staff had not been a prob-East Water, announced it lem in tackling leaks. had received acceptance

People affected by cut-offs for its offer to buy 60 per will receive compensation cent of Northumbrian's payments of £10 per 24 hours capital. That clinched the without supply from the com-£1 million share option panies, which will be required to make the pay-ments from profits and not by

will raise their concerns in | and things aren't being put

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increasing customer charges. Ofwat, is unlikely to find seri- i man on water, Frank Dobson that staff cutbacks had left the companies unable to tackle

the crisis properly. Mr Dobson said: "The water companies have been getting rid of staff, at all sorts of levels and in all sorts of jobs, and I think that means that in crises like this one when it's all hands to the

The biggest payouts are ex-pected in Ashington and New-biggin on the Northumber-

right as quickly as they

But Ofwat denied that there

land coast, where Northumbrian Water said yesterday that it could not guarantee all reconnections

pumps, there are fewer hands

side. The multiple cracking of feeder pipes - with no arterial mains affected - has

largely affected Victorian systems which put their faith in cast iron. Gradually being replaced by modern flexible plastic or ductile iron, the ancient pipes have been reliable workhorses but are vulnerable to extreme changes of

temperature. The Water Services Associ-ation said that temperatures in the North-east had gone from -10C to 3C on Monday night, imposing huge strains nemt, imposing inge status on the pipes and causing frac-turing earth movements. The freeze had already expanded the water and contracted the the water and contracted the metal, leading to cracks at vulnerable junctions.

Ofwat said last night that before the weekend. Pressure is also likely to rapidly, except in the Northremain reduced today on east, where progress was parts of Tyneside and Wear- slower.

Four stabbed in **JobCentre attack**

tacked him

his right arm.

treatment

Gary Younge

WOMAN, armed with knives and screwdrivers, yester rampaged through a JobCentre in south east London, stabbing four people in an apparently motiveless attack.

Police arrested a 27-year-old local woman at the centre in connection with the stabbings, which left two people seriously injured. She is being held in hospital where she is receiving treatment for hand and wrist injuries incurred during the incident. Police said there were no plans to either interview or charge her before today.

Police arrived at the scene in Bexleyheath shortly before 11am to find Simon Bridge, aged 24, with a large carving knife embedded in his head. Police said the blade had bounced off his skull and lodged in the scalp.

be life-threatening. Witnesses said a woman 'It was sticking out at an angle. The man was caim but

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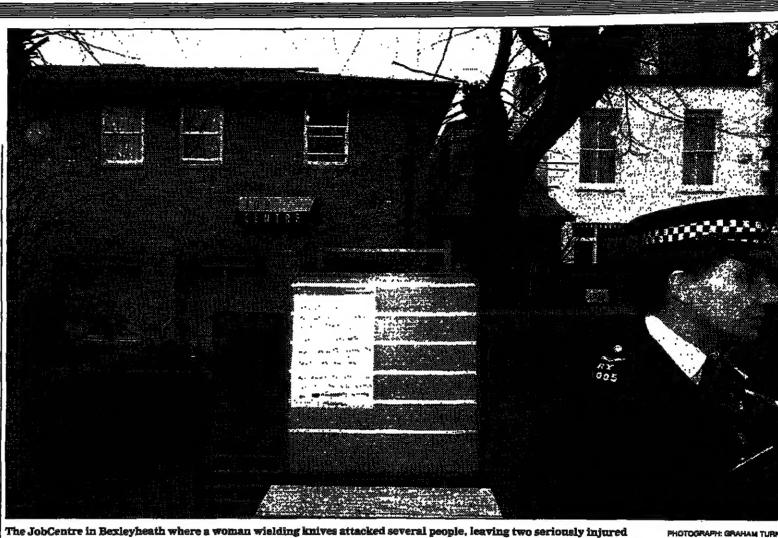
electrician. from Welling, south-east London, was taken to Queen Mary's hospital, Sid-cup, where he was being kept ning out all over the street. overnight for observation. The traffic was blocked," said His girlfriend, Tara Hill, aged 20, said after visiting him: "He told me he went to Larry Haiimus, a shop owner Superintendent Philip Sel wood, commander of the Bezjoin the queue and a woman leyheath area, did not know if came from behind and atthe woman was targeting any

one in particular and would "He said it didn't feel like someone was stabbing him in not comment on suggestions that she had been resident in the head - more like somea mental institution. one punching him." A 49-year-old man who Detectives also refused to

comment on witness claims worked in the Jobcentre was that the attacker had visited last night undergoing surgery for a "substantial" injury to the JobCentre the previous day trying to obtain a Giro payment, and said they had Two women suffered minor et to establish a motive. head injuries - a 63-year-old member of staff was expected

Witnesses said that as the emergency services arrived the woman screamed abuse but then stood passively while the police handcuffed her and smiled as she was

driven away. Acting sergeant Wheeler said. The woman had several weapons. I have seen at least two knives and two screwdrivers and I underd there



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said acting sergeant Ian | first attacked members of the When I arrived there were public, and then wandered lots of knives and lots of Wheeler Mr Bridge, an unemployed | through the building assaultblood.'

to be released from hospital

yesterday evening while a member of the public, aged 34, was not detained after

A spokeswoman for Queen

Mary's hospital said none of

the injuries were thought to

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Byelection battle commences

Prescott sets date for first of hoped-for poll victories

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

ABOUR yesterday stepped up its pressure on John Major by announcing that it will hold a byelection in the safe Labour seat of Hemsworth in Yorkshire early next month.

The date was given by Labour's deputy leader, John Prescut, as he named its can-didate for a second byelec-tion, in Staffordshire South East, triggered by the death last month of the Conservative MP Sir David Lightbown Conservative sources said yesterday that the party planned to hold the byelection towards the end of March. A clearer timetable for the

two byelections - which Labour intends to use further to undermine the Govern group of Labour MPs. ment in the wake of the defection of Emma Nicholson could well galvanise the divided Conservatives into rallying behind their leader. Mr Prescott confirmed that Labour's Staffordshire candidate was Brian Jenkins, the 53-year old leader of Tam-worth borough council. He

Michael Ellison Arts Correspondent

house fell through.

COME of the world's lead-

Sing opera singers were feeling the effects of at least one of life's most stress-

ful experiences last night

First the Royal Opera House decided to decamp tem-

porarily from its Covent Gar-

den home for redevelopment

work, for which it has

received a £55 million lottery grant. The company decided to move to a £27 million

theatre to be built south of

Tower Bridge for two seasons

Yesterday Greater London

from September 1997.

when their attempt to move

vative Party more than 150 years ago when Sir Robert Peel delivered his famous Tamworth manifesto

fought the seat in the 1992 election and moved Labour from third to second place. fire on Scaroll Mr Jenkins, son of a coal miner, declared that he was "delighted and proud to fight

for Labour". Bemsworth was held for for his expulsion Labour by Derek Enright with a 22,075 majority until

Michael White his death last November. As **Political Editor** well as retaining this seat, Labour is expecting to over-turn Sir David Lightbown's

ABOUR last night 7.192 majority in Staffordadopted a wait-and-see shire, shrinking the Governattitude towards Arthur ment's majority to one. However, Mr Prescott in-sisted that Labour was not complacent. "At no time can Scargill's threatened left-wing breakaway, after it

emerged that his new party's draft constitution we just rely on the unpopular-ity of the Tories," he said dur-ing a visit to party officials in Tamworth. "We must con-vince people that Labour offers a better future for them and their families would effectively exclude many potential allies on the left. Reports that the constitu-

tion of the Socialist Labour Party will enjoin members and their families. not to "join or support" other political groupings surprised some leftwingers and drew derision from mainstream supporters of Overseeing the Staffordshire campaign will be Labour leader Tony Blair's parliamentary private secretary, Bruce Grocott, MP for Tony Blair's New Labour the Wrekin, and Peter Snape (West Bromwich East), chair-man of the West Midlands modernisation.

Mr Blair's deputy, John Prescott, said Mr Scargill's efforts were "a lot of huff-If the Tories lose the Staffordshire seat, they lose ing and puffing". But Labour officials refused to be stampeded by Tamworth. Now a sprawling outpost of Birmingham, Tamcalls to expel Mr Scargill National Union o

worth is the town that spawned the modern Conser-Mineworkers' leader, for breaching a fundamental organisational rule - en-forced against Militant in

fire on Scargill despite calls

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Labour MPs like David Winnick, whose local socialist group in Walsali was recently expelled, have called for Mr Scargill's expulsion. Yesterday such frustration was echoed by Kim Howells, MP for Pontypridd, a former NUM official and opponent of Mr Scargill over the 1984/85

miners' strike. But Campaign Group MP Alice Mahon voiced the regrets of other leftwing MPs that he intends to leave. "I think there is only one party for socialists and that's the Labour Party," I she said on BBC Radio 4's World at One.

On the same programme, Mr Howells called Mr Scargill a megalomaniac who should be expelled if his party goes ahead. He pre-dicted it would boost Labour by becoming "a magnet for all sorts of nutters".

Yesterday's reports describe a constitution which includes Labour's abandoned Clause 4 on common the 1980s - that members ownership.



somewhere else for the whole find a second partner in time period," Mr Large said. The GLE was talking to sevto build at Tower Bridge and meet the opera house's eral other potential tenants in the fields of commerce and deadline. "There must be a chance entertainment that the theatre won't be built Keith Cooper, the opera house's director of corporate affairs, said: "We don't feel so at all now, but we still anticipate that the thing will go forward," said Martin Large, joint managing director of much let down as realistic. The GLE appeared to be very GLE properties. optimistic about the possibil-It had been hoped that Disity of finding a second tenant ney would take over the but we have a rigid timetable theatre when the opera house returned to Covent Garden at which will involve us in considerable cost if there is a the turn of the century, but it has turned it down.

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delay. "If you take a product out of "The opera house will have "The opera house will have the market place for even a to find something else for a short time it's bloody difficult relatively short period of to re-establish yourself, and

Enterprise, which heads the time, perhaps three months. | you incur incredibly high consortium behind the to cover for the delay or find redundancy and start-up theatre, said it had failed to somewhere else for the whole costs." costs."

The opera house was looking at touring and the possi-bility of performing in a num-ber of London venues, such as the Albert Hall, the Royal Festival Hall and Sadler's Wells, if a single base could not be found.

The only London theatre available from September 1997 was the Dominion. "But only one of the productions in our current reperioire would fit on its stage, the audito-rium is inadequate and so are the sight-lines," said Mr Cooper

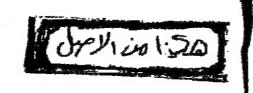
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"It's all right for a West End show but it's not great for opera.

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of parties within Labour, or of avowed parties which fight elections against it, should be kicked out. "People are entitled to be involved in talks," a senior

official observed, while confirming that if Mr Scar-gill and his allies went ahead with the SLP launch in May he would effectively "count himself out".



Country ranks 35th in education table among developed states **Plan to lift UK from place** as 'dunce of the world'

Donald MacLeod Education Correspondent

10-YEAR plan to lif Britain from its place as the dunce of the outlined yesterday by the Government's former senior education adviser. Sir Geoffrey Holland, for-

mer permanent secretary at the Department for Education, proposed a £1 billion programme to raise achieve ment over the next 10 years. He said Britain had slipped from 14th to 18th in a league of global competitiveness bepurse. cause of the quality of the work force and the inade-quate education system.

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In terms of skill the work force had slipped from 21st to 24th, while in education the UK was ranked 35th in the 21st century in which the jobs available will be jobs that robots cannot do and where world despite spending more than many competitors, he told the North of England our survival, both economieducation conference in cally and socially, depends on applied intelligence, enter-

Sir Geoffrey, vice-chancel-lor of Exeter university, told local authorities they would have to improve achievement in schools and colleges by 30 per cent with few extra

the 21st century, where survival depends on applied intelligence. It is time for a national crusade to raise achievement' With two-thirds of public spending going to social secu-rity, education was fighting for scraps from the table. He said A levels should be scrapped as no longer rele-vant. Vocational and academic qualifications should

'We are not well equipped for

"The central fact of life is that there will not be great addi-tional resources for education be amalgamated and taken whenever candidates reached a certain standard rather available from the public than at a certain age, to get rid of the stigma of failure. Despite £27 billion spent on education and £35 billion He urged schools and local authorities to dismiss bad teachers and tackle the 30 per spent on training by employ-ers, Britain was slipping be-hind the competition. "We cent of lessons found to be unsatisfactory by inspectors over many years. "We should expect more of teachers, pay them better, value them more are hurtling now towards a

highly in terms of status . but simply not be willing to tolerate poor performance." In turn, teachers, heads and governors should be freed

prise, initiative. flexibility and ability to survive rapid from the deluge of paperwork we are not well equipped We are drowning in paper work and over-regulation. We and it is time for a national crusade to raise achievement need a crusade, from govern-ment and quangos downall round," Sir Geoffrey said. wards, to cut administration

paperwork by 50 per cent." Sir Geoffrey said there was a sus on education in the country and among politi-clans, although it was obscured by pre-election rheto-ric. "This is the moment for us all to come together in a big push. If we don't do it in the next 10 years time will have run out," he said. His proposal to "mnbook" qualifications from age-

related dates and allow students to achieve given standards at their own pace is likely to prove controversial. So is his suggestion that a graduate tax be used to fund all university and further education students to release more money for inner-city schools and nurseries. David Blunkett plans today

to steal a march on the Gov ernment by putting informa-tion technology at the heart of Labour's plans for improving standards in schools, writes John Carrel In his first contribution to

the party's 1996 education standards "crusade", he will tell the Gateshead conference that access to computers could revolutionise teaching of languages and help moti-vate under achieving boys in

Shephard 'heading far to right of Patten' on pupil selection

John Carvel Education Editor

ABOUR yesterday accused Gillian Shephard, Education and Employment Secretary, of lurching far to the right of her predecessor, John Patten, in advancing proposals to allow state schools to select pupils by interviewing parents and children. "Parents will no longer choose their school; instead,

schools will pick the parents and pupils," said David Blun-kett, shadow education secretary. "This abandonment of parental choice is a last des-

'trying to save face for PM'

tion by the Anglican and sion procedures, although in Roman Catholic churches practice the selective ap-was forcing Mrs Shephard to proach is likely to be taken up scrap Mr Major's plan to allow church schools to opt for grant-maintained status without a parental ballot. Lack of interest among banks and building societies had obliged her to postpone plans to privatise student loans. "Now Gillian Shephard is

even abandoning John Patten's guidelines on admis-sions to salvage something of the Prime Minister's inept

tained school heads at Bir-

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proach is likely to be taken up mainly by the 1,100 grant-maintained schools. Although Mr Patten was considered right wing on educational theories, he warned schools in 1993 against

interviews to sc sions, lest they be to criticism that about a child's were based on soci academic consider Schools were

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He replaces Michael Jay, who is to be appointed ambas-sador to Paris, another key

post in the EU context. Chris

topher Meyer, a German-

speaking career diplomat who is currently John Major's chief press spokesman, is widely tipped to become ambassador in Bonn.

Meanwhile, Roderic Lyne, a private secretary in Downing

Street, who played a key role

in negotiations with Dublin over the Irish peace talks, is

leaving to take up a job with British Gas.

He will be succeeded by John Holmes, another For-

The moves, some of which are expected to be officially an-

nounced next week, leave an

question mark over the future of Pauline Neville-Jones,

made a Dame in the new

year's honours list. She is to be replaced as the Foreign Office's political di-

rector by Jeremy Greenstock.

Dame Pauline, aged 56, who

was Britain's representative on the now defunct Bosnia

David Gore-Booth has been.

eign Office official,

her deputy.

David Ward

terday.

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knew how badly he was injured but they had been hop-ing he would pull through.

Mr Kearney said that, after

discussions with doctors, he

and his wife had decided to

switch off the life support machine. "We have lost our son

and we now just want to be

left alone to grieve."

Everyone is terribly upset

N 11-YEAR-OLD boy

BRITAIN 5

Richard Norton-Taylor and Ian Black

RITAIN'S key intelli-Bis to go to the chief pol icy adviser to Sir Leon Brit-tan, the UK's senior European Commissioner, in a wide-ranging shake-up of White-hall posts.

Colin Budd, a career diplomat, is to return from Brussels to replace Paul Lever a chairman of the Joint Intelli-gence Committee. Mr Lever becomes economic director at the Foreign Office with special reponsibility for Britain's relations with its European Union pariners.

Mr Budd, aged 50, served in the British embassy in Bonn before moving to Brussels as chef de cabinet to Sir Leon in 1993. He will also have responsibilities in the running of the Cabinet's important overseas and defence policy committee.

The intelligence committee ssesses raw intelligence and sets priorities for the Secret Intelligence Service, better known as MI6, and for GCHQ. the Government's electronic avesdropping centre.

appointed British High Com-Mr Lever, respected by ministers for his hard-headed missioner to India in succession to Sir Nicholas Fenn. approach to difficult probwho is retiring from the Dipems, will be responsible for lomatic Service, the Foreign Office announced yesterday. Mr Gore-Booth, British amdrawing up options and negotiating tactics as the Govern bassador to Saudi Arabia, is ment prepares to face federalbeing replaced in Riyadh by ist demands from EU partners Andrew Green, currently in charge of Middle East policy in London. in the run-up to the inter-governmental conference later this year.

peal court reduced Elton John's £350,000 Sunday Mirror damages to £75,000 after comparison with percalled an "Irish prat"; sonal injury damages — an-£15,000 for being called "an idle black bastard" recommendation.

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Mirror Group Newspapers (settled for £100,000 after

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award for non-financial los is £130,000 to a brain-damaged woman who has lost the ability to walk, cry. laugh or speak but is fully conscious and aware of her situation. The Government set up the Law Commission 30 years ago

to recommend legal reforms.

Dog attack boy dies of injuries

In addition to needing ex-tensive surgery, David had also been receiving kidney di-alysis and had been fighting

A who was mauled by two rottweiler dogs on Christmas Eve died in hospithe threat of pneumonia. The boy had climbed over a fence near his home into the yard where the dogs were kept. His sister, Amanda, David Kearney, from Dar-wen, Lancashire, had been on aged 14, said: "One of the dogs came over. He tried to make a life support system at Booth Hall children's hospital in

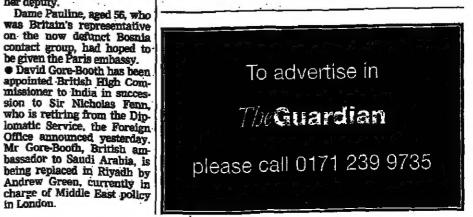
friends with it but it went for his shoulder and head." Manchester, after surgery on His mother said afterwards his face and having part of his

that his face was blown up like a balloon, and he was so David's parents, Keith and Margaret Kearney, spent Christmas at his bedside. A badly marked she hardly recognised him. family friend said: "They

The dogs' owner, Kevin Taylor, a builder, asked for them to be destroyed.

"They are not guard dogs trained to attack people," he said. "They are pets but they are also here to look after my house.

Police have questioned Mr Turner and a report has been sent to the Crown Prosecution Service.



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6 WORLD NEWS Christians bear another cross

Converted untouchables are claiming the same special rights as other disadvantaged Indians, writes Suzanne Goldenberg in New Delhi

versity places and government jobs, Indian Church leaders are demanding special treatment for their congregations, on the grounds that they face iscrimination.

Positive discrimination, known as "reservation", is a highly emotive issue in India, where liberalisation has in-tensified the struggle for economic survival.

and now Christians - clam- the south now allocate more

The competition fierce for uni-versity places and government jobs, Indian rrs are demand-ins, on the (formerly untouchable) him. ment jobs by quota. The Churches began de-manding their share in No-vember with a two-week cam-

paign unsuccessfully calling on parliament to consider the plight of Dalit converts to (formerly untouchable) Hindus and tribal peoples.

plight of Dani converts to Christianity. "We are in a society," said Father Devadhas, director of social work at New Delhi's Sacred Heart Cathedral. "The Church cannot play a big rola The reservation system originally applied only to Hin-dus but under pressure from other communities the gov-ernment has extended if to Buddhists and Sikhs of Dalit Origin. In the next 10 grams is Church cannot play a big role origin. In the past 10 years it has come to include other in economic development. We are a secular state, and it's lower caste Hindus besides Dalits. State governments in

the government's job." The Church argues that even though Dalits embraced

cape caste prejudice, so they should be entitled to the same benefits as Dalit converts to Buddhism and Sikhism and all disadvantaged Hindus. Leaders of the affirmative

action protest will meet this month to decide whether to issue a call from the pulpits in favour of a specific party at the elections. Meanwhile a black flag has

been flying over the Sacred Heart, high above the heads of the little girls dressed like wedding cakes and the street vendors who pormally crowd Delhi's churches at this time of year. heard "For 45 years we waited, we

Dalit Christians received a tolerated. But now the Dalit Christians themselves are tolerated. But now the Dalit Christians themselves are taking up the leadership. I don't think we can resist this," said Father Charles De

Christianity many years ago, | Souza. the leader of Delhi's | wing Hindu Bharatiya Janata they have not been able to es- | 85,000 Roman Catholics. | Party. 85,000 Roman Catholics. Party.

In a Christmas message, the The ruling Congress (I) interdenominational group campaigning for the Dalit Christians said: "The Chris-tians of India had expected a party, although it is the tradi-tional repository of the mi-nority vote, is wary of endorsing the Dalit Christian demand for fear of alienating happier Christmas. They trusted in the parliamentary democracy and placed their faith in the words of honour-Hindu voters. But a regional party has already promis extend the quota system to Muslims, who are economiable men like the prime minister of India and hoped that a bill to right the 45-year-old wrong of denying the Chris-tians of Scheduled Caste [Dacally worse off than the

Hindu majority. Although the Catholic Church is fighting for the lit] origin their constitutional 16 per cent of its congregation who are Dalits or descendants rights will be introduced. However, the message seems to be ... their voice won't be of Dalits, it has not yet erased caste discrimination in its own house

Some churches, in the south especially, still seat Dalits in separate pews, and have segregated cemeteries. There are few Dalits in the upper ranks of the hierarchy.

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News in brief

Dini faces threat from Italian right

THE Italian right yesterday undertook to press for the fall of Lamberto Dini's non-party "government of experts", but stopped short of moving a motion of no confidence.

Parliamentary party leaders decided that a debate on the Parliamentary party leaders decided that a debate on the country's political future, called for by President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, should begin pert Tuesday. It is likely to take up to three days. With Italy occupying the presidency of the Euro-pean Union, the proceedings will be watched with keen interest in Brussele in Brussels.

The chances of Mr Dini's unelected administration surviving next week's debate receded last night when two leftwing parties, Communist Refoundation and the Greens, called for its removal. If they were to vote with a united right, they could bring down the government. - John Hooper, Rome.

Black Watch-Triad link denied

THE British Forces Hong Kong Garrison yesterday denied that investigations are under way into links between soldiers serving in the Black Watch Regiment and organised crime syndicates. "No soldiers from that regiment have been brought back to

Hong Kong for interview in connection with that or any other incomproving for interview in connection with that or any other investigation. No certificate of immunity from prosecution has been issued to any member of the Black Watch by the police, who have no right to do so. We have today confirmed that the Director of Public Prosecutions, who does have this power, has also not issued any such certificate of immunity," a statement said.

Drug baron 'is co-operating'

THE world's most wanted heroin trafficker, Khun Sa, is cooperating with Burmese government forces occupying his former headquarters near the border with Thailand, hardening suspicions he has cut a deal with Rangoon's ruling generals to let him go into retirement.

Khun Sa was reported by sources linked to his Mong Tai Army vesterday to have remained in Homong supervising the handoves of weapons to government troops. "The traitor is being well protected by Burmese troops after persuading us to surrender to hem," one former MTA officer commented.

The Burmese government and state-run media have made no mention of an event Rangoon residents expected them to trumpet as a victory. — Nick Cumming-Bruce, Bangkok.

Perry offers kidnap help

THE United States defence secretary, William Perry, gave a guarded promise yesterday of Nato help in the peace crisis posed by the Bosnian Serbs' seizure of 16 Muslims travelling through rb areas of Sarajev

Serb areas of Sarajevo. After meeting the Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, and commanders of the Nato-led implementation force (I-FOR) in Sarajevo, Mr Perry said it was important that the proposed United Nations controlled police force should be established "as soon as possible", adding. "In the meantime, Nato's force will do what it can to assist."

Mr Perry had earlier toki reporters it was not Nato's job to be a police force, implying that the incident was seen as a criminal rather than a military matter.

The Bosnian Serb authorities refused to release the 16 and told Nato that some of them might be tried.

Meanwhile, two British soldiers were injured when they stumbled on a landmine or an unexploded shell in Sarajevo yesterday, an I-FOR spokesman said. — *Renter, Sarajevo.*



US embassies feel the pinch

Jonathan Freedland In Washington

HE United States budget crisis escalated from a national to an international emergency yesterday, as Day 19 of the partial government shutdown prompted US officials abroad to deny that America had become a banana republic, unable to pay its bills.

As President Clinton and Republican congressional leaders began yet another round of talks, their failure to agree on a budget plan threatened key operations abroad as well as essential services at home.

The state department reported near-chaos as cash-starved embassies around the world were forced to scale back their activities. Vietnam has threatened to

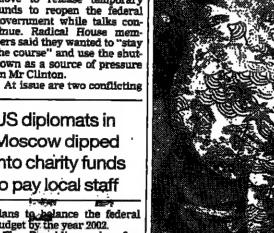
cut off electricity to the US embassy in Hanoi because of an unpaid bill for \$1,600 (£1,000). US diplomats in Mos-cow have dipped into a charity fund to by local workers, and embassy officials in Ha-vana are without drinking water - after the local supply company cancelled all delivs until it is paid

shutdown has forced the can-cellation of all entertainment. Ambassador and former Washington grande dame Pamela Harriman has even been barred from travelling to routine ceremonies. Similar belt-tightening has

been imposed at the US em-bassy in London, with a pay and expenses freeze in force. House Republicans yester-day refused to back a Senate move to release temporary funds to reopen the federal government while talks continue. Radical House members said they wanted to "stay the course" and use the shutdown as a source of pressure on Mr Clinton.

US diplomats in Moscow dipped into charity funds to pay local staff plans in belance the federal budget by the year 2002. The Republican plan fea-

tures a \$245 billion tax cut which Mr Clinton rejects.





premiums pensioners pay for "We just don't have any cash," said Richard Moose. an their health insurance. undersecretary at the state department — one of nine Republicans say Mr Clinton's government departments cation and environmental which have still not had their programmes. 1996 budgets approved.

The affected government are feeling direct hardship. agencies have had to get by Businesses which depend on with no money and skeleton staffing. More than 280,000 feeling the squeeze, along federal workers have been sent home without pay, while 500,000 more have been required to work for free. sentment at home has boiled over, with vital ser-vices, including environmental clean-up teams and benefits offices, suspended. But overseas the shutdown has created huge embarrassment.

plan spends too much on edu-Public employees say they with 200,000 applicants for passports which cannot be issued. A backlog of 30,000 visa applications by non-Americans is growing daily. The US budget deadlock could keep Brazil out of next week's Gold Cup football tournament in Los Angeles. US consulates are refusing to issue the players with visas because of the cutback in ser-

At the American embassy in Paris, usually a social in Paris, usually a social vices worldwide, the Brazil-whirl, the unprecedented ian Soccer Federation said.

Lucky dip . . . A Tokyo bargain hunter buys a fukubukuro (lucky bag) filled with cut-price goods. It is a tradition for Japanese stores to sell the bags to launch the new year's business. This department store sold 5,000 of them yesterday at £65 apiece PHOTOGRAPH: SHIZUO KAMBAYASH

English knight errant drew wine from the Dragon hills

Seth Falson in Shazikou

THE craggy hills around the little town of Shazikou are called the Nine Dragons. For centuries peasants have struggled to grow grain on their slopes.

But some have found a

new job: they grow grapes for a winery that produces some of the best wine in China. The wine-makers whose

bottles of Chardonnay and Riesling are carried by van down the winding roads

say they owe their fortune to the efforts of a stubborn Englishman who first dug his spade into this limeheavy soil 13 years ago. Michael Parry did not live to see their success. His

winery is producing this year falls short of demand. Mr Wu — who did not even £600,000 investment bankrupted him, and in 1991 he died of cancer. "He was a man who could not be stopped," said Wu know wine was made from Lizhu, the company's chief wine-taster. "He had an

Wine is only beginning to | that."

company, first visited China in the late 1970s after becoming a distribu-tor of wine and spirits. hol once described as tasting like aviation fuel. Nevertheless, the 100,000

"When you have 1,300 wines and spirits in your portfolio, it's natural to think about starting your own vineyard," said Ga-briel Tam, Parry's former grapes before be asked for a job at Huadong — says: "If wine-taster. "He had an idea and he worked at it. We owe everything to him." Mr Parry always said wine, they will drink it -him." Party chose Shazikou

Parry, who went to Asia | 25 miles from the east coast | ing about Chinese culture. in 1973 as an accountant | city of Qingdao, famous for | There were a lot of con-for a British insurance | the beer it exports all over | flicts. But he always fought flicts. But he always fought the world - because the on.

limey soil and south-facing slopes favour grapevines. Party died in Hong Kong in 1991. His ashes were buried on the hill behind When he arrived in 1982 he found hundreds of plots the winery and farm work-ers still tend his grave. farmed individually by

peasants. Persuading them Since then the business to grow grapes instead of other crops was Mr Tam's job, and it took time. has flourished. Rows of vines stretch into the distance, surrounded by apple "He was a big man, with a orchards, and the sea huge belly, and he looked bring r out of place here," Mr Tam said. "He didn't speak the language, and knew noth- Times. bring ritual plantings and harvests that enrich the farm workers. - New York

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Hostile elements . . . Russians struggle in severe weather to burn off and clean up a 1,000-tonne oil spill from a river-bed pipeline in the central republic of Yashkiria

Agency banned 'for criticism'

The charity Médecina Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders), one of 43 and agencies expelled from Rwanda, said yesterday that its French wing was thrown out for reporting abootities commit-ted by the authorities.

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ted by the authorities. MSF's president, Philippe Biberson, told a news conference that the "real reason was... our testimony on the serious attacks affecting the people we were working with". The Rwandan government ordered the foreign aid agencies out of the country last month on grounds they had failed to register and said they had to leave their equipment behind. Police confis-cated 16 of their ambulances and other vehicles. Mr Biberson said MSF's French wing had been working with Hutu refugees. "Not a day went by without our hearing testimony about people disappearing, being assassinated, or being forced to leave the country again in fear for their lives and those of their families." — *Reuter, Paris*.

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PLOUGHING at night can dramatically reduce the number of weeds competing with farm crops, a US government study said.

weeds competing with farm crops, a US government, Study Same "We have seen reductions in weed emergence as great as 80 per cent" after ploughing in the dark, said Douglas Bubler of the agriculture department's Agricultural Research Service. "Gener-

ally reductions are 50 to 60 per cent." If initial results are confirmed, nighttime ploughing "has the potential to reduce reliance on chemicals in weed management," Mr Buhler told Agricultural Research magazine.

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The theory is simple enough: light penetrates the soil as it is being turned, allowing buried weed seeds to break out of dormancy. With some types of weeds, denying light at the time of ploughing reduces sprouting. — AP. Washington.

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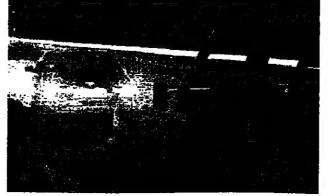
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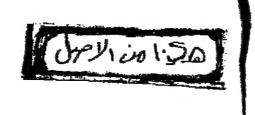
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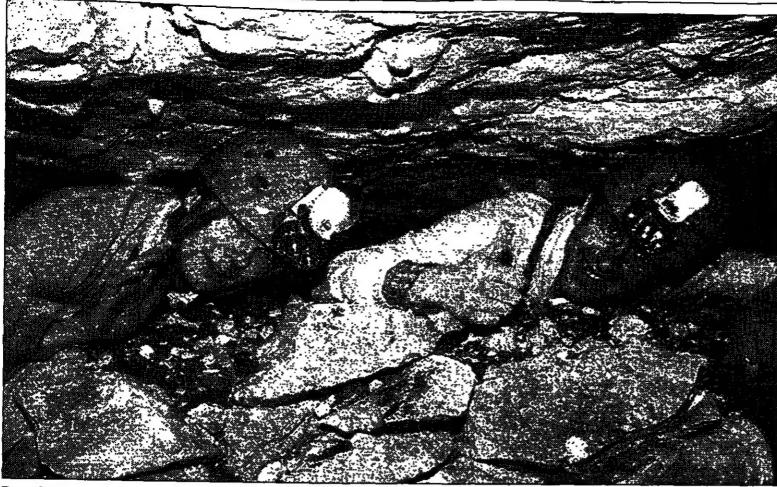
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Beneath Arras . . . Potholers Jannick Roy (left) and Pascal Barrier prepare for 60 days under the north-eastern French town

Potholers aim to ferret out secrets of war

Evewitness

Alex Duval Smith in Arras

O ONE in the brick No bungalows of Arras's sleepy suburbs has ever given much thought to the manhole cover outside No 2 Rue de l'Abbé Lemire. But today it will be levered off to providing a historical per-spective. "In the 17th century this chamber was a quarry reveal a conduit to a histori-

cal timewarp. Two Franch potholing en-thusiasts are to spend the next 60 days exploring a network of tunnels which allowed Commonwealth troops to launch one of the most spectacular assaults of

the first world war. Jannick Roy and Pascal Barrier are to stay under-ground until March 4 to become the first people since 1917 to explore an estimated six miles of chalk timels and quarries which enabled the Battle of Arras.

On April 9, 1917, the tunnel-lers — known as "bantams" dreadful. If the men had been because of their small size — discovered by the Germans blasted their way out of the they would have been food, a camping stove, a mountain bike, a Yamaha keyboard, 300 litres of water, 20 litres of wine and a ground for a surprise attack Mr Barrier said: "The huat Tilloy-les-Mofflaines which forced the Germans to retreat midity down here is above 80 per cent so we shall use the hairdryer to dry our clothes. Jannick has highly developed

six miles. Masterminded by Generals Allenby and Byng, it was the most spectacular Allied culinary tastes so we are running an electricity cable down for his freezer." breakthrough of 1917 but it nearly failed, said Mr Jac-ques. "Even though the In a dark recess a few feet troops laid railway lines, the tunnelling took six months. from the men's tents, archaeologist Alain Jacques was

"In February 1917, the Ger mans regrouped, retreating from the line for which the New Zealand tunnellers were heading. This meant their effort was abandoned and all soldiers were sent up to the British artery, known as the Saint Sauveur tunnel, which emerges at Tilloy-les-Mof-

flaines," said Mr Jacques. The archaeologist, who has provided the potholers with their only map — provided by the British in 1930 — pointed to a six-inch limp object on the ground: a strap from a British officer's boot.

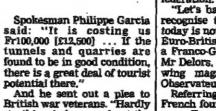
The caves are strewn with artefacts. The potholers have already found several regi-mental coats of arms, etched into the walls," he said. He pointed to a dark recess gassed."

A number of Arras's quarthere is a great deal of tourist ries were subsequently turned into wine cellars. The potential there." And he sent out a plea to constant temperature below ground is 11C - ideal for stor-British war veterans. "Hardly anything is known about the

ing wine and maturing conditions in which the troops operated. We would dearly love to hear from any-one who was connected with The initiative and funding for the two potholers comes from Arras council. the Battle of Arras."

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HE threat of a split be tween France and Germany was the real stepped down as Commission president last year, did not mention the present French government during a review of a pessimistic book on Europe in the weekly, his Commission president, Jacanalysis of French policy implicitly included recent deci-sions by Mr Chirac to sus-pend the Schengen agreement to end border controls and his contemptuous rejection of EU condemnation of French nuclear tests.

France plays with fire by swinging from nationalism to federalism Mr Delors's review of a book called Europe's Choice

the EU, Mr Delors said the fact had to be faced that France had been playing with by Laurent Cohen-Tanugi carfire by swinging between a sovereignty reflex and Ger-many's ambition for federation. ried a note of regret that he was not still in charge of the Commission and at the centre of policy on a single currency

"Let's have the courage to and political union. Mr Delors, who has retired from public life, pointed out that, despite doubts on European unity, Mr Cohen-Tanugi had recognise that the true risk today is not so much that of a Euro-British crisis as that of a Franco-German split," said Mr Delors, writing in the left-wing magazine Le Nouvel Observateur. praised the federal approach that dominated discussions during Mr Delors's term in

Referring to one of the French founders of the Euro-pean Economic Community, office A federation of nation states was needed because it Mr Delors said Jean Monnet's lifted ambiguity over the concountry had often taken the flicting ambitions of France sage, Mr Chirac said that risk in the last few years of and Germany, Mr Delors ar-discouraging German leaders gued. A federation would who were manifestly and allow joint initiatives to de-France.

without fail attached to a velop while maintaining do-Europeanised Germany and mestic identity forged by his-tory, blood and modes of Although Mr Delors, who

government. Monetary union would not be determined solely by financial and economic factors but would need real concentration on a political Europe, he added.

"It would be wrong to reduce this last point to a simple demand by Germany,"

"In encouraging our people and their leaders to look at the future and weigh up the risks and opportunities and, in the end, to bring out changes for the better, it [Europe] is still the bearer of hope." The former Commission president's comments will be

president's comments will be badly received at the French president's office following recent intense efforts by Mr Chirac to give the impression that France and Germany were working closely together and to dispel reports that the majority of his Gaullist party's executive were Euro-sceptics,

It was after seeing Chancel-lor Helmut Kohl in October that Mr. Chirac said that a single currency was "the pri ority of priorities" — a deci-sion which brought about social security austerity mea-sures to balance the budget. which helped spark off recent

industrial unrest. Last month, the two leaders decided on a joint programme to speed up a single currency and, in his New Year mes-

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British Euro-scepticism 'not main threat to EU'

Delors warns of Paris-Bonn rift

Paul Webster in Paris

future, rather than a crisis in relations with Britain, the former French European ques Delors, said yesterday. Mr Delors, who turned down a chance of becoming the Socialist presidential candidate last year, appeared sceptical of repeated promises by President Jacques Chirac on European monetary and

political union. He made it clear he thought German leaders were the better Europeans and were the real power behind moves for constructive political co-operation. Arguing it was wrong to focus on British reluctance towards political co-operation as the divisive factor inside

beneath the tranches. chamber: two tents, tinned $-A_{\rm e}^{\rm e} T_{\rm e}$

Mr Roy, aget 31, and Mr Barrier, aged 30, will look for graffit and everyday items left behind by up to 25,000 Commonwealth soldiers who providing stone for the Flem-ish-style houses of Arras. "In 1917, New Zealand soldiers who dug tunnels be-tween the city's abandoned spent six months tunnelling Yesterday, 60ft below Rue de l'Abbé Lémire, the two men were setting up their base camp in a 25ft-high chalk quarries named each after towns and cities back home. This is Nelson," said Mr Jacques, aged 40, pointing to the word carved in the wall.

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which appears to have been a rubbish and rubble tip. Among rusty cans and burn-ers was a bottle marked SRD. He said; "The men spen eight hours here and eight hours in the trenches. Before going above ground they were given drinks of 'Special Rus-sian Department' — very po-tent rum. Working conditions

EC orange tariff gives squeezers the pip

Stephen Bates in Brussels

thin and syrupy pasteurized juice which looks as if it has never been in contact with HE British appetite for fresh orange juice is likely to be squeezed after a tart reminder of the

the skin. It is only in recent years that freshly squeezed juice has made an impression on the British market. European Commission's power to preserve the rights of Mediterranean citrusgrowers. The price of bottled fresh The tariff has alarmed John Sexton, managing director of Johnson's Fresh Products,

juice, a best-seller in super-markets and sandwich bars, which has grown in 10 years is likely to rise by at leas 20 per cent next month following the imposition of 'It will certainly tariffs on imported oranges to protect orange-growers in Spain, Italy and Greece. make the industry The tariffs were due to come into force at the begin-

ning of December but were delayed because of protests from Britain. The industry may yet be pressed for £160,000 in back duties, however.

If the levy is imposed the supermarket price of a litre bottle of orange juice will in-crease from about \$2.15 to botels and restaurants. £2.60.

The introduction of tariffs of up to 30 per cent on oranges grown outside the EU will badly affect the British induscan't supply the oranges we need for most of the year anytry, the orange squeezers say, because it relies on supplies from Florida, the Caribbean and Latin America for much

from Florida, the Caribbean and Latin America for much of the year. Most of Europe has not no-ticed the prohlem because, surprisingly, freshly squeezed we will have to pay about fruit elsewhere."

juice has not been taken up in | 30 per cent more to import a big way. Continentals are | them. The price will have to afraid that most people will not be able to afford to pay it." prepared to make do with

In the complex world of squeezing you cannot use just any old orange. The navel or-anges which are the main products of Spanish and Greek groves contain a sub-stance in the pith called limolin which makes the juice taste bitter within an hour or

two of being squeezed. British fresh juice produc-ers use Late Valencia oranges which, despite their name, are available from Europe only for about three months in the early summer, and have to be imported from the US, Brazil or South Africa for

of allowing in 12,000 tonnes of non-EU oranges at reduced rates, mainly to satisfy Brit-

planning to look at the tariffs again next week

contract, and for no good reason' the rest of the year. It is these imports which are now being subjected to the tariff. So far the Commis-sion has releated to the extent from a cottage industry run from an East London back kitchen to a main supplier of He said yesterday: "It will certainly make the industry ish cravings. Officials in Brussels are contract and it is being done for no good reason. It won't help the orange-growers in Spain or Greece, because they

A Commission spokesman said: "The Greeks and Ital-ians want the British to Imway, so it just means there will be fewer buyers for their fruit in Britain.



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The very notion of Sainsbury needing to bribe its customers to stay loyal illustrates the extent to which times have changed. **Roger** Cowe

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Murders in a vacuum

Belfast's drug deaths must not derail the talks

and in a situation like Northern Ireland the consequences are not merely undesirable in principle but have once more become bloodily fatal in practice. Yet five killings of alleged drug dealers in as many weeks have now also put the whole future of the province in 1996 in the balance. This is because, in the absence of sustainable politics, these otherwise secondary issues of crime and disorder always become magnified. Magnified, they in turn hijack the bigger agenda, defining the terms on which all politics can be conducted. In the presence of politics, on the other hand, the peripheral issues remain where they belong and, far from being magnified, can even become progressively diminished.

That's the theory. But it fits much of the recent history of Northern Ireland and it is now the fundamental context within which the current surge of drugs killings there needs to be seen. It was political initiative which brought about the ceasefires. But the absence of continuing political initiative has now finally put those same ceasefires at risk. It has created the vacuum which the recent murders have filled. The murders have become the issue of the moment, displacing more lasting questions and illustrating that the whole process is still vulnerable to every fresh violent act.

This is because, in spite of the optimism of the Clinton visit, there is still so little momentum at the centre of things in Northern Ireland. The dangers were very fully outlined by Cardinal Cahal Daly in an address at the weekend. But they were further underlined yesterday by the readiness with which serious politicians like the Conservative backbencher Andrew Hunter and the Unionist deputy leader John

LIKE nature, politics abhors a vacuum | kind of over-reaction is characteristic of destabilised politics. But it needs to be repeated that it is not in anyone's interests for this to continue.

This does not excuse or justify the murders in any way at all. Murder never solves anything. The drugs problem in Northern Ireland (which should not be exaggerated) is not going to be ended (insofar as such phenomena are ever ended) by bullets in the head. Nevertheless it is clear that these killings, which are almost universally acknowledged to be the work of the IRA (and which Sinn Fein has signally refused to condemn), are in part a consequence of the slow progress on political talks. Interpretations of the meaning of the killings differ substantially — some claim they show Gerry Adams's weakening hold, while others

say the precise opposite — but all accept that they are intimately related to the slowness of the wider political process. They probably wouldn't be happening — and they certainly wouldn't matter so much — if the political agenda was moving forward more confidently. However hateful the IRA's deeds and

Sinn Fein's evasions, the fact remains that Britain and Ireland embarked on the peace process because they believed that political initiatives could stop the killings. They were right then and they are still right today. If nothing else

these IRA drugs murders ought to show the governments that there is little to be achieved by stringing out the political brinkmanship of the last few months. It is possible that this anxious period will end soon, when Senator Mitchell's committee on decommissioning, to whose activities the killings are a deliberate descant, reports next month. But the real question is about continuing the political momentum, Taylor raised the possibility of aban-doning contacts with Sinn Fein. That responsibility of the two governments. and in the end that is the inescapable

The perils of social selection

The new proposals are arbitrary, capricious and subjective

OHN Ezard dismisses perticularly as Britain will be | liament from debating and the rationale behind the out of step with most of the voting on amendments. We extension of copyright other English-speaking were given just eight working all too easily (Royalty lingers on, January 2). A fair copy-right law is one of the founda-tions of our literary and cul-tural life. Samuel Johnson nations. But there will be benefits too, most notably for living composers. Britain has lost almost all 8 Station Street Kirkby-in-Ashfield of its large music publishers

because of mergers and take-overs from abroad in the lat-ter part of this century. As a also said that only a fool writes for nothing we can only expect our most talented creators to continue to enter-tain us if they can make a livconsequence, the living com-poser of serious music now depends on the small pub-lisher, or publishes his works himself, since large congloming from their work.

One can argue about the relative merits of a 50- or a 70year term; but in the age of the international information superhighway, the interna-tional harmonisation of copyright law will be essential to prevent the establishment of piracy havens, and to protect the cash investment of pub-lishers and producers, and the less tangible but equal investment of working life of the creators. Harmonisation of the term of copyright

within Europe is only the first step in this process —

This step in this process — buts because yone. It is not "llegal" to perform revived copyright works un-less a royalty has been paid. The legislation is quite clear that all such acts shall be treated as licensed (shall be

were given just eight working days to consider the effect of these complex changes. Geoff Hoon MP.

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AR from coming back into copyright, as John Ezard suggests, Edgar Rice Burroughs' Tarzan stories have never been out of it. The author assigned all his rights erates cannot afford to repreto a legal entity called Edgar sent more than a handful of the most well-known names. Rice Burroughs, Inc. A corpo-ration, legally recognised as a Music publishing is risky for these small publishers. Prof-its are small and slow in comperson, has the potential to live forever, rendering even a 70-year-after-death copyright meaningless. That means that ing and outgoings are high. So the conglomerates will earn more from the copy-rights they have bought — what's new? More important, the smaller publisher is able Tarzan, along with Batman, the Lone Ranger, Mr Spock, Noddy and most other 20thcentury cultural icons may never be out of copyright. to compete on equal terms in

In most cases, it's not the families of the creators, but corporate sharks guarding their eternal franchise. Their Europe, and the sacrifices made by the self-publishing composer will be recouped (one hopes) by his heirs for just that little bit longer. gain is the readers' loss. John Porter: 29 Byron Avenue,

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issues? After all, they repre-Y SDOULD IN

SOCIALIST LABOUR

Like Bernard Weatherill, I once believed and practised the old adversarial politics. I ster and beyond (Flouse of bave turned my back on this Shards, December 29). He is artificial, unrepresentative system. I now advocate pro-amination of the composition portional representation, and portional representation, and in particular, the single transand powers of both Houses of Parliament; some form of de-volution to Scotland. Wales ferable vote that puts power in the hands of the electorate. (Rev) David Mason and Northern Ireland; an Chairman, The Electoral elected authority for London, Reform Society, and the return of powers to 6 Chancel Street London SE1 0UU.

All these matters are inter-related. To transform the com-BARBARA Ehrenreich (Comment page, December 29) attributes the shoddiness position of the House of Lords so as to make it intellectually defensible could lead to changes in its powers; this af-fects the House of Commons of US society to corruption of the electorate by misinforma-tion. On the same page Lord which has scuppered every previous attempt to reform Weatherill says our voters are well-informed. They are not. Certainly they seem to have reached the correct conclu-sion that it is high time to exthe Lords. To make the Com-mons more efficient, by reducing its numbers and altering the electoral process, affects and is affected by devolution. This in turn impinges on the powers of local government, including a London authority. The EU provides a permanent,

ercise the supreme virtue of parliamentary politics in that the governed can get rid of the governing party when it goes rotten. But the voters have come to that view because they know it to be true in their own lives.

It is still the case that our electorate is so politically unducated and misinformed

DUSTBIN OF HISTORY (Splinter Parties only) Letters to the Editor The right to life (plus 70) Faced with an unruly, violent mob? You need constitutional reform ORD Weatherill writes per-suasively of the need for "a radical shake-up" at Westmin-

WINSTON Churchill thought headteachers had powers "with which nology. There was good reason for this Prime Ministers have never yet been invested". Now, it seems, they may be given even more powers. Yet another education consultation paper is due out next week. According to our Education Editor, ministers are contemplating abandoning a central plank of comprehensive education to allow interviews with children and parents to play a key role in the selection process. This would be even worse than the 11 plus which branded the three out of four children who failed to gain entry into grammar schools as "failures" at the very start of their secondary education. Social selection poses even more perils than academic selection. At least the 11 plus was based on objective criteria. The new proposal could not be more arbitrary, capricious and subject to bias. It is for this reason that headteachers are exhorted in the current guidance on school admission to avoid using interviews as part of their formal admission procedure.

This is not the first time the Tories have flirted with the idea of reintroducing selection. Three years ago the hapless John Patten, while still Education Secretary, seemed ready to back selection when he wrote in the New Statesman of "a vice that dare not speak its name in hard-core comprehensive circles". But in the end Patten opted for specialisation: the long-approved tradition of allowing some schools to cater for children with special aptitudes in social selection too, needs spiking.

arts, music, physical education or tech retreat. For the last decade, successive Tory education ministers have had one common theme: giving consumers more say. All have chanted the same mantra: increasing parental choice. To this end, the 1988 Education Act set every school a specific number of places. Parents were given an unrestricted right of access for their children to the school of their choice until the last desk in the school was filled. Now, it seems, this may end. Heads may be given the right to turn away children on such unclear criteria that no appeal system would be able to deal with the dissatisfied. Parents will revolt. Just as serious for ministers, heads may end up hating the proposal even if a spokesman of optedout schools embraced the idea on Tuesday. Social selection will increase the social pressures on heads and expose

even the most judicious to unfair suspicions. What's going on? Politics. The Prime Minister is still searching for Conservative election themes. Last September he floated the idea of a fast-track for church schools wanting to opt out. They would no longer need to consult parents. This backfired when it was rightly rejected by both Anglicans and Catholics, who did not wish to be distinguished from other schools. So now officials have plucked another item from last September's wishlist: giving heads more say over admissions. This

Slippery slope of football reform

An idea as sick as a parrot. Leave the posts where they are

WE HAVE got so used to politicians | goals per match were scored from 2.028 moving the goal posts that a fresh occurrence is hardly worthy of comment: but when the custodians of the goal posts themselves start moving the goal posts it is time take note. What is surprising about Fifa's proposal to widen the distance between the two uprights (by two footballs) and to raise the height of the posts (by one football) is that it hasn't happened before. Goals in Scotland have been changed from being square to rectangular, but the basic dimensions of British goal posts have been unchanged since the rules were formalised a century ago. Footbail, perversely, has spawned a cliché it was never guilty of itself. It's a foul.

Fifa wants to make football more exciting by making it easier to score goals. After all, people are ten inches taller than when the length of the goal was originally based on the height of three average men. Last season 2.59

games in the Premier and league divisions. This is roughly what happens every year. But it doesn't follow that more strikers would have scored if the goals were bigger: nor that more goals would pull in more punters. Spectators

like football to be exciting not easy. And, once we embark on the slippery slope of change, the reforms are endless: oval shaped goals, pitches proportionate to the average height of players, reducing the size of the ball, extra points for scoring from outside the penalty area, time-outs, sponsored goal posts and so on. Soon handicaps would be introduced (like wider goals for the strongest teams?) to be used; as in horse racing, to make the game "fairer". This won't have any merit - apart from making soccer's second big cliche come true - the level playing field. Fifa should stop moving the goal posts. They are perfectly content where they are

60. (SDB1) legal), but that a royalty must be paid. It need not be agreed before the event, so no author's descendant will be able to hold potential user to ransom. Emma Trevelyan. Deputy General Secretary, The Writers' Guild, 430 Edgware Road, London W2 1EH.

OUBTLESS the extension of copyright from 50 to 70 years after a composer's death will cause confusion,

Pulp fiction

M incredulous at the dismissal of Pulp's lyrics by Bel Pintan (Letters, January 3) as the sexist reinforcement of stereotypes. All the characters in Pulp songs are victims, regardless of sex. Common People is based on a real expe-rience of snobbery, and sums up best the hundrum same which the underclass of Britain is so desperate to escape We all know the Deborah of Disco 2,000, present in all co-ed classrooms. If Suzame Moore applauds Pulp for singing of boredom and frustra tion, and giving kudos to nerd status, so much the better. Liz Nightingale. 31 Shakespeare Tower,

Barbican, London.

WHO is this "Jehn Majic" (a Serb?) or "Jobu Maju" (an African?) whose signature appeared on that recent news paper advertisement (Letters, January 2)? A graphologist friend commented on the ex-aggerated ascenders with their bloated loops, suggest-ing a "pie in the sky" person-ality. He was intrigued with the elongated thin descender suggesting a "down in the pits" personality. obviously the signature of a mixed-up character. Such a low standard would not be tolerated in any school. William Asbridge.

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NTERESTING that the male Conservative politicians at-tacking Emma Nicholson are using language commonly used when men seek to degrade women: Heseltine said cratic forces. she was "frustrated", Mawhinney described her as behaving "without warning". John Carlisle said she was "prostituting her views" and Tebbit said she had "importuned" him. This sexist arrogance says far more about them than about Ms Nicholson.

Nigel Illger. Middleton House Waverbridge, Nr Wigton, Cumbria CA7 0DT.

w composers and writers automatically and without OHN EZARD is right to cost enjoy copyright proteccriticise the Government for the inadequate time it gave Parliament to debate the tion for 70 years after death, whereas scientific intellecavery enacted Copyright Dur-ation Directive. The Directive was agreed by the European Council of Ministers on Octotual property can only be protected by patents, which are difficult and expensive to ob-tain and last at most 20 years? ber 29, 1993. Eventually on December 6, 1995, draft Brit-Just another example of how society undervalues scientific ish regulations were pub-

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and engineering talent? lished by the Government. It tabled the draft regulations in R M Adelson. 11 Hornby Hall Close, such a way as to prevent Par- Hornby, Lancaster LA2 8LB.



The stars predict a row

ASTROLOGY-bashing by writers who know sweet and witty journalists, is lazy-minded if no attempt has been fresh air about it (Wheen's World, January 3) reinforces made to understand or experience the complexities of popular prejudice and at-tempts to banish the disquietbirth-chart reading. Accept no false debate between cynicism and gullibility; the truth about ing possibility that whole birthcharts consistently yield more sense than can be dis-missed. All newspaper cover-age, even by great scientists

astrology is more interesting. Nascita Williams. 32 Cholmeley Cresci 32 Cholmeley Crescent, London N6 5HA.

Drugs and death in Ireland

F Sinn Fein's Mitchell | learned well. My own father McLaughlin is correct that there is no evidence that the remembers neighbours who disappeared at the hands of the British Black and Tans, Provisional IRA carried out the recent murders of alleged drug dealers (Major facing Unionist ire over IRA drug killings, January 3), what their tortured corpses to be found on the edge of town the next morning. Their injuries possible objection can he have included broken kneecaps, to joining all democrats in de-nouncing such savagery? If, as most people reasonably sus-pect, the Provisional IRA is gouged eyes and removal of genitals. These are *living* memories

in Northern Ireland today. behind these murders and the | The terrorists of Ulster are the escalating regime of so-called sons and daughters of a violent history, virtually all of it perpetrated by the British. punishment beatings, his silence once more exemplifies The bombings in Warrington, London and elsewhere are Sinn Fein's self-exclusion from dialogue with demoalso remembered in Ireland, Peter Bottomley MP. with shame and sadness. Yet President, New Dialogue. neither the British government nor media are willing to House of Commons. provide people in Britain with London SW1A 0AA. a balanced picture. There is, in other words, no British

HE current killings and mainings must assuredly memory of the violence with which succeeding governbe condemned. But the role of successive British governments have managed the so called "Irish problem". ments must also be acknowledged. Collective and co-ordin-Deirdre Boden. Lecturer in Sociology.

ated violence is learned Lancaster University, behaviour. In Britain's first and last colony, it has been | Lancaster LAI 4YL.

ient a ne constitutional settlement for the millennium. An authoritative Royal Commission might take some of the party politics out of consti tution-making. The Commission should be designed to last for at least the life-time of two Parliaments, and should be charged with making recommendations sequentially, which would in turn be put into effect individually as formulated, debated and approved. This would secure the benefits both of incremental

and changing, framework. Would it not be sensible to

adopt an orderly, gradualist approach to these interlocking

local government.

change and of mutually informed recommendations. As it is, both the main politi-cal parties seem to be adopt-ing a policy of piecemeal activism (Labour) or piecemeal inertia (Conservative). In either case, we are likely to be landed with ad hoc solutions governed by short-term party political advantage. Lord Bancroft. House of Lords, London SW1A 0AA.

BERNARD Weatherill is profoundly right when he claims: "I have not known a time when parliamentarians have been held in lower repute. The fundamental reason is that Parliament is so unrepresentative. At the last General Election, six out of 10 voters supported parties and policies different from those of the present Government. Inwaste of time. deed, since the second world war, no government has won 62 Stanstead Road, an absolute majority of votes.

that they are surprised when a Conservative Government enacts privatisation of the main utilities, and become disappointed by the inevitable consequences of placing profit above all else. Does nobody read Tawney these days? Lord Jenkins of Putney. 75 Kenilworth Court Lower Richmond Road. London SW15 1EN.

DURING eight months in Slovenia, I was able to see proceedings in the House of Commons from an entirely different perspective. On one Slovene TV channel I could watch the Duma in Moscow or the parliament in Vienna. And I was delighted to see Britain's Conservatives defeated on two occasions. I have no doubt that much change is needed here. As a result of "yah-boo politics", particularly at Question Time, the House of Commons ap-pears the most rowdy partiament in Europe, that of Italy alone excepted. In comparison the Slovene parliament appears dignified and orderly. Its speaker never needs to shout. When televised, Slovene MPs do not choose to make exhibitions of themselves. Their system allows far less drama, but at least it saves an almost unlimit

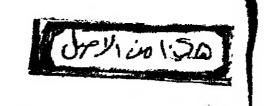
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A Country Diary

THE BURREN, IRELAND: To | massed clouds obliterate its return to the Burren is to rays. Christmas Eve saw experience pure and unde- lighted candles in village winexperience pure and unde-fined joy in the region's timedows, the traditional Christless, austere beauty of hills, valley, sea and sky, the tidal ebb and flow. I write at this mas welcome for strangers. The best Christmas story is of Jack, Mary Ann's grandson, moment, 2.30pm on January 1, 1996 (a happy 1996 to all), aged six. He was the inn-keeper in his school's Nativthe temperature is ± 10 C, the sky blue over a blue sea — a Annie, he didn't want the part because he didn't want to say: zephyr barely stirs the yellow-gold of montbretia leaves "No room at the inn". She persuaded him to carry on. At beneath glistening holly. Two days ago the temperature var-led up and down from -4C to zero. Our hills, Capthe performance Jack opened the door to Mary and Joseph's knocking, saying loudly, "No panawalla, Ailwee, Abbey, room at the inn but you can Turlough were snow-covered, the valley fields crusted thick come in for a drink if you like". The best tourist story of with white frost poor wild birds darted low over the 1995, told by the inimitable Jim Hyland: "Two visitors roads, North Sea divers, corfrom abroad were told by morants rode a quiet sea their guide, Today we are while further north in Galgoing to visit the Burren way's docks, gulls floated on Country. That's good,' resgreat slabs of ice. Throughout ponded one, he was always this glacial spell the sun shone. Indeed it shone almost my favourite poet"." As Rab-bie himself says, "This day Time winds th' exhausted every autumnal day so that the seasonal lengthening of chain, To run the twelvenocturnal darkness was less month's length again." noticeable than in rainy (Burns) weather when packed,

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Diary Matthew Norman

OULD you believe it, a strong contend-er has already come forward in the 1996 search for Great Britain's most amusing press office. It is Lambeth Council, which has issued a press release about the appointment of a new Finance Chief. Mr Crich, says the document, has been poached from (of all paragons of local-govern-ment excellence) Brent Council, where he "excelled at the cutting edge of local authority financial management". In particular, Mr Crich "created and controlled 100 businesses units" in Brent, and what finer testament to Mr Crich's fiscal talents could there be? However, perhaps aware of the danger of overpraising him, the press elease fails to mention one of the ventures which formed "this pioneering approach to service quality and value for money". So manifestly successful was The Brent Ad Shop that it was wound up last February, having lost some Famously, £23,800 vanished when its director, Ruth Jackson, decided to hold an hour-long staff meeting not in Brent itself, but at Am-sterdam's Schipol airport.

NE of the great taxavoidance scams of the age is about to be stopped. Accountancy Mag-azine reports that Customs and Excise are finally addressing the scandal of incontinence pads. It appears that private nursing homes have been taking ad-vantage of the zero VATrating which applies to incontinence pads, and applying for tax relief hich should justly apply only to sufferers themselves and to charities buying supplies on their behalf. However, the patience of Customs has worn out: in future. to qualify for relief, nursing homes will be obliged to make separate orders on behalf of each individual patient.

T will be intriguing to learn whether this Government (or a future Labour government) will ask the tax collector to address the less significant loophole exploited by News International, which has paid virtually no tax on profits of nearly £1 billion over the last decade. But at least Mr Murdoch continues to share his good fortune with his employees. A small plastic coffee stirrer, known technically as a "milk jigger" (and in ni

Major gambles with his place in history

Commentary is in a job where every predecessor has found it necessary to believe the same thing. Harold Macmillan, abandon-ing belief in 1963, left office on a medical pretext which his doctors almost immediately discounted. He had had enough. James Callaghan. clinging to it in 1978, con-vinced himself that the PTIMISM is the prowicket was bound to imof the governing pol-itician, just as scepti-cism is that of the skulking journalist. Our views on whathar the idea is be prove, and then presided over the election that closed the innings for British

socialism. So it is today. Examining their position, ministers be-lieve it has nowhere to go but whether the glass is half-empty or half-full are predict-able, and they come with the up. They think time must be on their side. The past and present having dealt them such unmerited rejection, the genetic as well as environ-mental inheritance. In this apportionment of attitude, moreover, I thank God for the future can only bring the people to their senses. Thirty per cent adrift of Labour. Mr Major thinks he owes it to country and party to await the recovery that beckons. And convention supports optimists even while doing what I can to contest their certainties and demolish their reassurance. Ministers are necessary beings, and could not do their job unless they role over every gloomy prediction, of which there were thousands, about the un-popularity of privatisation, and every objection, includwhat passes, in these strait-ened times, for optimism. On this occasion, however, convention is almost certainly wrong. Optimism is fantasy. For the party's good it is mere ritual, for the coun-try's a self-deceiving calam-ity. If the Government keeps ing mine, to the next round of tax cuts at the expense of a decent education system. Pessimism ices politics into total

peralysis. itself alive through 1996, The most necessary optithings can in fact only get worse. The cost of hanging on will, from every point of view mist is the Prime Minister, any prime minister. John

Major, who believes that his | save that of office-holding predicament can only abate, | panjandrums, be a heavy tax panjandrums, be a heavy tax on the national interest.

It will, first, set at risk some good things the Government has done. The stultifying of the Irish peace process may not be entirely due to conces sions London is making to the Ulster Unionists. Major has his own stubborn revulsion from letting the IRA dictate terms. But if his extended life through this interminable year depends, as it will, on sibylline understandings with Mr Trimble, all denied but all

effective, then Ulster, from being the nettle he boldly grasped, will become the body disposed of by a dose of hemlock, the last sacrifice of a desperate opportunist. It won't be exactly like 1974, when another Ulster peace

was the casualty of mainland politics. But it will show to Ireland the same, as it turns out futile, priorities.

Clinging on also makes im-cossible the most important things the country needs a government to do. This will not merely be an administra-tion that can't rely on getting its measures through Parlia-ment. Since so much of what it proposes, mainly from the Home Office, was conceived in panic and produced in defl-ance of most available evidence and all relevant expertise, that will be small loss. But Europe asks the great national question of the mo-

ment, which the Major Gov-ernment is incapable of an-swering. As this year unfolds, every member of the Euro-pean Union will be engaged in the slow, delicate business of negotiating Europe's future shape. For Britain the task will be in the hands of a cabi-net that is forced, by its irrec-oncilable divisions to play a more of this: plenty more of Mr Heseltine spitting in the wind, Dr Mawhinney lamely announcing another re-launch, Mr Roger Freeman. oncilable divisions, to play a sprung from obscurity, forcing his upbeat pictics upon us all of them apparently im-mune to the pitcous embar-rassment that now dilutes the role which ranges between the negative and the destruc-tive. With the Tory left at last beginning to show that it is not, after all, clinically inverridicule and hatred they tebrate, Major knows that he can't allow Britain's hidden hand at the Intergovernmenevoke among most who watch them. them. This will be the pattern of the year, unless it is inter-rupted by an election. It is masked by the conventional pretence that just a few more

tal Conference to be played by Mr Portilio. The continentals will have no choice but to delay conclusions until Britain sends a credible leader to the

keeps itself alive

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marked in Britain by the knee-jerk savageries of Tory rivals who are competing to

possess the corpse. To shore up this existence, there will need to be further debasements of politics, fur-ther posturings to try and repel inexorable decline. You can hear them already. See, on the horizon, the revival of old Communists in Russia and the possible appearance of an old Soviet general to lead them against Boris Yelt-sin, and what is the response of our present-day statesmen? grace, both



with a modem in the sunset



Natasha Walter

the Prime Minister is not only empowered but fully en-titled to remain in office for the duration. I don't think there's been a time when that claim was more obviously HY DOES the new environmental move-ment alarm as well as delight us? Here are gentle young people living in twig-loos and dancing round camp-fires, playing pipes and bangclaim was more obviously flawed, more thoroughly ining drums, lying in front of diggers and cranes. They look like they're having fun, but imical to the national interest imical to the national interest between now and then more patently discomforting, one might also have thought, to the equilibrium and selfthey also, unfortunately, suggest that environmental proesteem of a Prime Minister ress is an impossibly purist gress is an impossibly purist ideal. At best, they seem free of all the fudges most green ish sympathisers are forced to make. We wade through vast amounts of Cellophane and who has for some time been considering his place in

history. A general election in 1996 is about as likely as a byelection in West Devon: that is, en-tirely improbable, but always subject to individual caprice. polystyrene and crisp packets every week, even if we recy-cle a couple of glass bottles. Mr Major is by no means as We spend much of our Christ loose a cannon as Emma Nicholson, whose only future mas break sitting on fume-laden motorways, even if we take the bus to work. We lies in re-winning her seat as know our little gestures aren't going to be enough to turn around the slow destruca Liberal Democrat. Along-side incorrigible optimism stands righteous self-belief. But the time has come to abandon, with the shreds of selves Badger or living in a bender help? A kernel of protesters have

ment, if not the publicity, with intelligent lobbying, in-formed by expert opinion, rather than by hanging off Even the tree houses at Newbury are linked by CB radio, bleepers and mobile telephones to each other and to a central office in the town where more telephones, com

puters and fax machines will puters and far machines will link them to further cohorts of protesters, and to the jour-nalists who will take their actions to the wider world. Apparently their communica-tion system was designed by an ex-US naval engineer.

When the bulldozers come in they will be followed by television crews with their atten-dant trucks and canteens; and by alternative-news gatherers like Small World, who distribute videos of the protests for the public and campaigners.

This unique mixture of ata vism and technological sophistication may turn out to be the most lasting cultural thumb-print of this generation of pro-iesters. Environmentalists love computers; Internet bulle-tin boards are stuffed with green information and Friends of the Earth have set up a site on the World Wide Web where users can view pictures of the Newbury bypass route and read about its environmental turn around the slow destruction of our environment, but then again, would calling our I like the idea of having a treehouse with a generator powering my computer linked up to the Internet." So the most resonant thrust

tried to rise above such confuof the new environmental movement is not its promise sions by creating a purist, neo-pagan community; they may be among the Donga to take us back to a pre-car tribe that sat out on Twyford Down, lying in front of bull we are being honest, can dozers and talking about the hardly bear to contemplate, earth dragon, or among the but that possibility of taking us into a posi-car society, in which cleaner, well-designed public transport can whisk us around and between cities as idealistic squatters saving a sweet-chestnut tree in east London, or the chilly comrades at Newbury about to do battle from their tunnels and a good alternative to cars, tree-houses. As one woman leaving a few more trees in-who first became involved at tact. This post-modern rather Twyford Down said, some be than pre-modern ideal brings lieve they have found "a way the pale green ladies in the pale green ladies in pleated skirts and the deep of life in tune with the earth. We picked herbs for medi-cines and food. We learnt old green girls with dreadlocks together in these protests. crafts. We danced and sang at As one woman who left night." Another woman who joined the Newbury protest-tual office in Wales said in an ers over Christmas said: "We interview a couple of days had a brilliant time. We sold stories where and supervised our own entertainment. It's what Christmas should be about There was none of the about There was none of the



weeks or months are needed to turn the wheel of fortune round. The myth persists, nurtured by its beneficiaries table. So delay in Europe, like delay in Ireland, is to be the salient gift bequeathed in these extended death-throes. Meanwhile, as the IGC meets and encouraged by the restraints of caution under which the media operate, that and meets again, every ru-moured movement will be If the Government

through 1996. things can in fact

name as "the Digger's jigger"), has been sent anony mously to the Diary, with the news that in the Wapping tea shop menu it is priced at 3p --- the same, in fact, as a small sachet of sugar. Working at a conser vative profit-margin estimate of 200 per cent, Mr Murdoch will need to sell only about 10 billion jiggers this year to pay his corpora-tion-tax bill, should the loophole be closed.

HENEVER the King of Siam drove her to despair, Missus Anna would whistle a happy tune. But Lord Woodrow Wyatt, the sage of Weeford, has an even better method of beating gloom. Why worry about human tragedy in Rwanda or Bosnia, he counsels Times readers, when we live in the paradise on Earth that is Blighty? His own garden, for instance, is close by Lord's: whenever a ball is top edged into the Wyatt flowerbed, he is reminded of cricket, "that most civilised of games that could only have been invented by the English . . . if Marx had ex-amined cricket in the Brit-ish Museum Reading Room, the history of the 20th century might have been different". How very true. But this is not all. "The Atlantic Ocean's mighty waves beating on Cornish rocks ...a cathedral cloister in a summer's dusk ... a Scottish glen in the gloaming "- these are a few of his favourite things. "Thank God I am a typical Englishman," the dear old soul concludes, and thank God indeed. It is all too easy to take Lord Wyatt for granted now, of course, but should we ever lose our Bmpire, men of his spirit will . he absolutely priceless.

EWS arrives of the ascent to fame of a previously obscure English writer. A young woman has been overheard at the counter of a Waterstone's bookshop in London asking after a screenplay of Pride And Prejudice. "Tm afraid we haven't got that one," said the assistant, "but we do have Jane Austen's novelisation of the BBC1 serial."

Government

LSO earwigged, this time in the West Midlands, is an encouraging hint of improved relations between localauthority officers and their conncillor bosses. "We don't need a plan for care in the community," said a nameless director of housing. "We've got elections."

Will you join the dance?

Alan Howarth urges like-minded one-nation Tory MPs to join him in a principled move to New Labour from John Major's right-dominated party

IX or seven MFs | bold. He was abject at the are said to be on party conference in the face of the brink of leaving Michael Portillo's nationalism and Michael Howard's the Tory Party. It would be a wou-

appeal to cruelty. The distress signals from drous deliverance for them and for all of us if they were one-nation Tories are ig-nored; the Prime Minister to do so. They are strong characters who will make up their own minds, but let me never sends them a lifeline He could have done when he tempt them. It will do the country, and first became leader. The party had said thank you very much and goodbye to Margaindeed the Conservative Party, nothing but harm for the Government to attempt to ret Thatcher because it knew, not only that she had lost judgment and capacity to work with colleagues, but that the ideology she personifled had run its course. Everyone expected Major to point was the qualified major bring the party back to its ity voting flasco - Tory MPs have seen election defeat startraditional centre ground. It looked briefly as if he would ing them in the face. Hence do so. He spoke of a classless society. He offered more money for haemophiliacs and the scapegoating - of each other and of the defenceless in society. Hence the increassafe havens for the Kurds. It seemed that a humane Coningly irresponsible calls for tax cuts to buy short-term popularity. Hence the absorpservatism would be restored. But it wasn't. The recession, which as Chancellor he had tion in the developing struggle between moderates and the right for control of done so much to bring about, the party's future. Hence the early announcement by 50 and Britain's forced exit from the ERM, destroyed any remaining will on his part to Tory MPs that they do not wish to seek re-election. And do more than survive, paying whatever price the right ex-torted. His re-election as hence the inertia of the In July John Major played the last card available to him. leader in 1995 did not renew his authority because he had He hung on to the leadership no ideas - other than for by the narrowest of margins. He made cosmetic changes to the Cabinet. But in the rest of freland - and no purpose of his own beyond survival. One nation Tories are the first to agree that such policies as have been canvassed

the summer and the autumn, the right resumed its adand announced this summer vance. John Major is always suggestible. He bows to those — whether in the Treasury or and autumn are the last scrapings of decayed Thatcherism. in rightwing think tanks and cabals — who are most insis-Privatisation of rail and the Student Loans Company won't tent with him. He appeases even set out of the shed. Stuff-

conditions is wickedly irre-sponsible. Harsh treatment of itself. The return to sanity must not be the highest loy-the families of asylum-seekers and decency will begin then, alty. To the argument that and decency will begin then, but it will be well beyond the and of single parents and young people in rented accomworking lifetime of those who modation is again the politics of scapegoating. It is certainly not justified in terms of restorare now one-nation Tory MPs, nearly all being of an older ing the public finances. Sus-tained negativism in Europe . It is not their duty to prois a pandering to insular prej-

udice. How much more should one-nation Tory MPs stomach?

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They cannot win the inter-nal debate within the party. The critical disaster was John Major's abandonment of the attempt, almost as soon as he had begun it in 1990 and 1991, to redirect the party. The left of the party, having seen off Mrs Thatcher, were too relaxed. They did not make the effort then to support the Prime Minister that they should have done, and he drifted away from them. When he failed to deal with Michael Portillo as Edward Heath dealt with Enoch Powell the right knew they had

The consequences will be fateful. The new generation of as deranged, as I was. But Tory parliamentary candidates, receiving no signal to reprogramme their reflexes, have continued as unrecon-structed Thatcherites — or, after her laying on of hands, Portilloites. All except a small and all across the country. It handful of the new intake of is true that one jeopardises Tory MPs at the next election one's career and security, but will be rightwingers. Conservative MPs exclu-

sively elect the leader of the party. The numbers will be stacked up against one-nation MPs in the short and nasty struggle for power that will quickly follow the Tories' deleat at the next election. One nation cannot win that contest

Eventually one-nation valsuitably made against MPs who stick to their principles ues will be restored in the and convictions about what is Tory party. But it will be a best for their country and long cycle: Only when Michael Portillo or John Red-wood, or whoever the righttheir constituents? Or should they be levelled against those wing leader of the Tories is, who have abducted a party tent with num me approaches and more people into has lost the election after next from its authentic, better tra-the right in the Tory party ing more and more people into has lost the election after next from its authentic, better tra-because they are militant and prison in worse and worse will it be brought home to the dition? Party loyalty, while Stratford-on-Avon

alty. To the argument that constituents vote for candidates as party representatives and not as individuals, the response must be that if that has indeed become increas-ingly the case it is a damaging

vide respectability to a party in opposition which will be committed to values and partendency. Party cohesion is of course necessary for effective government, and parties and voters have legitimate claims to loyalty and consistency. But if Parliament is again to poses which are anathema to them. They will do a better ervice to political life to let a rightwing Conservative Party. be seen clearly by commentabe a serious forum for the nation, and if it is to recover tors and voters for what it is. One-nation Tories will be truer to themselves if they join one-nation Labour, its capacity to scrutinise and check the executive, its members must retain a right to independence of judgment which has accomplished its and action.

For these reasons it is not incumbent on an individual own long cycle of disengage-ment from minority ideology MP who leaves his or her party to resign and fight a byelection. It may seem "fair" to those who voted for the MP and factionalism. and returned to realism and connection with the better nature of the British people.

originally, and it is tempting for a politician to seek new 'An MP who crosses the floor has to face the collective legitimation in that way. But malice of a bitter party, amplified by the media. It is not it is a cop-out. An MP is pleasant to be characterised elected to serve all his constit-uents for the duration of a as prostituting oneself, as Emma Nicholson has been, or parliament As Burke long ago put it - and as has always been accepted in the theory of our constitution such abuse only reflects badly on those who perpetrate it, and comfort is to be had from an MP owes his constituents not his industry only but his the understanding of individual ex-colleagues and moral judement". support from constituents The Conservative Party has reached a point of confusion and aberration at which the

judgment of its MPs who obone gains a profound release ject deeply to rightwing zealotry must surely be that they should go beyond protesting. They have fought their corner HE HARDEST thing is to part company with friends, col bravely and doggedly from leagues and supporters. Charges of disloyalty and treachery cur-

within, but they have not been able to prevail. The time has come for one-nation Tory MPs to say they will no longer dle the air. But if the debate has to be conducted in such put up with the harsbness. injustice, dogmatism and stu-pidity of the dominant right. terms, are those charges more They should join the Labour Party, which is now the torch bearer for their beliefs, and is ready to put them into practice in government.

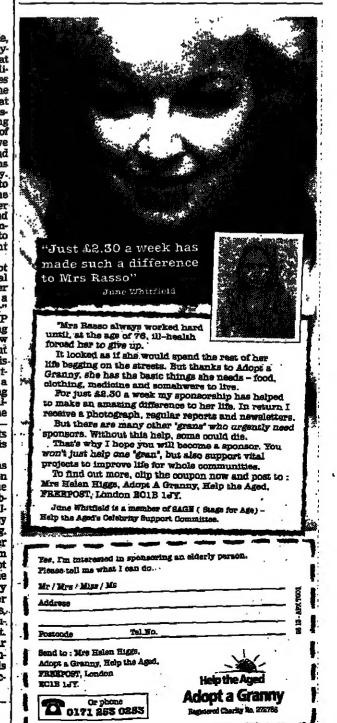
Alan Howarth is MP for

ommercial pressure." (can message people and noi This sunny, pre-lapsarian get lonely." Isn't this the cominnocence, with pagan weddings and naked dancing, and songs that run "Earth my body, water my blood, air my breath and fire my spirit" is difficult for most people to subscribe to. The graffiti "No living out on the hills with compromise in defence of the earth dragon, but if the Mother Earth" sums up their new environmentalism is to high-minded attitude. But if you look at this move ment closely, you notice that the greatest majority are not

in pursuit of some pre-mod-ern purity. Their protests

against the car are not Ludd-

plex goal that the new environmentalism must take us towards; with modems and sustainable energy to run alongside the sunsets and spow? It isn't as romantic as succeed now rather than in some ideal future, we have to remember to see it as a series of social, political and scientific strategies rather than a religious movement. Though a little dancing never did any ite. They have won the argu- harm.



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Sid Thompson

Grand old man of the Cumbrian crags

college.

V-Ledge or the Great Flake (the crux of the climb), vie Borrowdale. Around him on neighbouring routes climbers less than a quarter his age (wearing dewith snapshots and portraits of his three daughters at vari-ous ages. But these action photographs of Thompson signer tights and muscle shirts) lock off, muscle up and slap for holds, their fingers never showed him leading the crux of CB. Although he had been first on the rope up the rest of CB, the Great Flake proved rather too much to lead. Wanting to try it was some ambition for a septuage-narian. CB itself being suffi-ciently difficult for most white with symnast's chalk. But the octogenarian in Mil-let's bags and Lucy Lastic braces (with no teeth to grit) has the affectionate respect of everyone present as he spurns the gymnastic chalk. ciently difficult for most saying you have to give the climbers once in a lifetime. rock a chance. For a number of years Thompson haunted the Oval directly below the Great

He has pedalled here the 25 miles from the Cumbrian coast. Later, fortified by the milk he drinks from a Domesso named because it is cov-ered with turf. Waiting alone he then accosted climbers en route for the top of the 400ft tos bottle, he will quietly recycle his way back from Borrowdale, heartened by motorists flashing their lights and pipping their horns as they recognise his legendary evergreen figure pushing face of Central Buttress, quick as a terrier and com-plete with ratting cap and coil away on the pedals. Sid Thompson, who has

died aged 81. grew up at a time when people's dreams rarely came true. He was Britain's oldest rock climber, still leading respectable cragface routes until a few weeks before his death. His secret was to believe in himself and take his chances, still conquering crags when most are just tak-

ing their pension. Until a few years before his death Thompson, a former public health inspector who retired in 1974, saw his weekend climbs on Shepherds and elsewhere as training for a higher achievement. He yearned to lead the crux pitch of Central Buttress on Scafell, a climb he had scaled so often (44 times, in fact) that other climbers called him "CB Sid".

Hamish Imlach

In the living room of his council house above Mary-

HE ROCK climber port harbour photographs of climbers on CB, often with vantaged figure on Sid spreadeagled on crucial Shepherds Crag in sections like the traverse to could complete the route.

moved to Maryport and mar-ried a local girl, Dorothy Har-vey from West Cumberland. Thompson was born in Bolton just before the Great War. and wanted to go to college to become an architect and build Thompson showed Sandbeautiful replacements for the soot-blackened mills. But ham - who is now 77 - the ropes on local crags. The two his father lost his job, he left men revelled in their pursuit over the years. They were climbing together as recently school early, and there was no money to send him to

as five weeks ago. They were on Shepherds Crag in July last year, when CB Sid led the Instead he spent 10 years as an apprentice joiner on build-ing sites and went to night school. He qualified as a pub-lic health inspector, shortly way up a dizzily-exposed route, Little Chamonix, as usual displaying complete afterwards becoming reac-quainted with a schoolfriend uon.

In all his years of climbing. Thompson only had one acciwho offered to take him dent. It was many years ago at Raven Crag, Thirimere. On streaming wet rock he came off with a drop of 250 feet below. Luckily he landed in a climbing on the crags. So it was one Saturday morning at 18, on bicycles and wearing ragged Dunlop gymshoes on their feet and with washing lines in lieu of ropes coiled around their chests, they embarked on a formative trip. It was a fam-ous climb, a 60ft obelisk on and scratches to show for his narrow escape. His luckiest plete with ratting cap and coul of rope. "Would you like a wine gum?" he might ask, offering a sticky bag of sweets. Then he would ask if he could tie on as he wanted to do CB too. Only once was he refused. Then the second of two climb-ere the one who told him to the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the second of two climb-the one who told him to the second of two climb-the second second the second second the second second the second the second second the second the second second the secon shave was on the same crag when he and his climbing partner stood on a large block "as big as a horse" and had barely moved off it when with a resounding crash it broke away and exploded in the valers, the one who told him to go elsewhere, failed to climb in 1960 he began a climbing ley 200ft below.

Thompson climbed exten sively throughout Britain. His favourite area was the isle of Skye where he met notable climbers like Billy Murray and Ben Humble, whose classic book The Cuillins Of Skye includes a pic-ture Humble took of CB Sid on the summit of Sgurr Alas-dair, the highest Cuillin peak. In these same mountains the Inaccessible Pinnacle on Sgurr Dearg presents a rock climb that is the most chal-Jenging summit in Britain. Yet it is only a year or two since Thompson and a com-

panion made their way up it. were as hard as nails and more cautious you become. It their combined ages totalling there were few things he is the young climbers today 152 years. Possibly that was a couldn't chew. record. The previous oldest pair known to have climbed the Inn Pinn added up to just 145 years. Thompson, a virtual vegetarian (save for "just the odd bit of corned beef") and non-smoking testotaller, always seemed to have prodigious reserves of energy available, which be attributed to a basic

fact he had not realised when younger: the value of food. CB Sid had no teeth, but his gums

Sid Thompson was a kind, open man with an infectious sense of humour. He took in

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Sid Thompson at 81 . . . Britain's oldest rock climber

good part ragging by younger climbers who looked on him with awe, giving as good as he got and clinging on to life — as he did to the rock — with enthusiasm to the end. He took his chances, refused to give up, stretched himself to

Benny Lee

Forever

on with

Tony Greenbank the limit and pursued life as a Sydney Thompson, rock climber living legend. He once told born April 7, 1914; died January "The older you get the

to enjoy."

The Guardian Thursday January 4 1996

Another day

January 4, 1944: John Betjeman lunched with me at man unched with me at Brooks's, the first time since the war. He seemed to enjoy himself, jumping up and down in his chair and snapping his fingers. He is sweeter and funnier than anyone on earth. He never changes, is totally unselfconscious. eccentric, untidy, green-faced. He works at the Ministry of Information and simply hates it, returning every Saturday till Monday to Uffington. In his Daily Herald articles he surreptitiously damns the war and progress, and the leftwing ... Said he loved Ire-land but not the Irish middle class. Only liked the country. eccentrics like Penelope's dis tant relations, the Chetwode-Aitkens ... When the Betje-mans left Ireland (Betjeman mans left Ireland [Betjeman had been press attaché at the embassy] De Valera sent for them. Penelope said to him. "My husband knows nothing of politics: or of journalism. He knows nothing at all." James Lees-Milne, Prophesy-ing Peace Faber, 1984

Letter

PHOTOGRAPHS: DON MOPHEL

me with one foot in the grave

Louis Massiah writes: I first came to know Toni Cade Bambara (Obituary, December 12) as a writer, through her first book published in 1972, the enormously inventive group of short stories Gorilla My Love and her breakthrough 1980 novel The Salt Eaters. Her narratives went far beyond her ear for the words we speak, and are based on the architecture of how we think, relate and analyse the world.

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As my collaborator and the scriptwriter for the documenwho spur me on. Most will giadly help an old bugger like taries The Bombing Of Osage Avenue — which was on the 1985 Philadelphia police attack on a black community They keep me going up the rock. I tell you. I only hope in that city — and the recently completed W E B DuBois: A Biography In Four Voices on the pan-African leader and scholar, she brought the same wonderful they get the same lifetime of fun and satisfaction out of the crags that I've been so lucky narrative sense and analysis to film-making. Yet Toni often described herself as a community worker and her artistry went into that too.

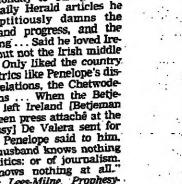
> Grace Bumbry. opera singer, 59; Alexander Chan-cellor, journalist, 56; Sir Ivar Colguhoun of Luss, Chief of the Clan, 79; Su-zanne Danielle, actress, 39; Alex Dran chief constable Alan Dyer, chief constable, Bedfordshire, 62; Prof Keith Hancock, economist, 61; Prof Brian Josephson, FRS, Nobel prize-winning physi-cist, 56; Prof Lance Lanyon, cipal, Royal Veterinary ge, 52; John McLaugh-

Flake on Scafell Crag, a ledge

Hands that helped in 44 climbs of Scafell's Central Buttres

A song, a glass and a laugh





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who has died aged 55. Scotl	and at 13. On the flight p	part of the 1960s revolution in	on I have a headache." He payed the way for Mike Har-	Glasgow singer Iain Mackin-	the show		Alan Bedfor
		raditional music called the lolk Revival — as exciting	ding, Jasper Carrot and above all Billy Connolly, whom Ha-	tosh. Hamish's best known song became the most			Hance Prof B
		ind subversive in its day as	mish took under his perform-	requested number on British	ENNY LEE, who has	RRC	Nobel
		ounk was later. The Fishers	ing wing. Many established singers shy away from excit-	Army of the Rhine Radio. It is	B died aged 79, was one of those men who never	Radio days Benny Lee	cist, 56
		ecame major interpreters of raditional Scottish song.	ing younger talent as a threat.	an epic tale of a post <i>palais de</i> dance kneetrembler in the	care much what they do so		princi) College
able beverage, and the cook- drink	king shandy. It made him 🕅	While Hamish had a fine way	but Hamish saw it as a way of	Gorbals dark, which results	long as they are in show busi-	A second back and the second	lin, di
		with an old Scots ballad, a sea hanty or a love song, his	improving the quality of the evening's gig and therefore	in pregnancy tonics for the girl while the boy enlists.	ness. He was an acrobat, sing- ing acrobat, fairground		53; Dis vant, 6
Of Scottish parentage, he In	Glasgow, Hamish e	clectic tastes led him to be-	creating more pleasure for	The song, "Cod Liver Oil	barker, drummer, band-	a member of the cast of that	merig
was born in India and lived in 1 atten		come Scotland's first blues juitar stylist, teaching and	all. He became the biggest star	and the Orange Juice", also provided the title for Ha-	tor. And from 1950 he was		Prison shall,
		nfluencing John Martyn.	of the Revival in Scotland,	mish's autobiography, pub-	essential to Bernard Braden's	which, in spite of the impres-	Mick
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		lamish one of the key singers or Holy Loch anti-Polaris (bums on the Transatlantic label alone. A developing	there was always a tale to tell. a recipe to try or a friend to	band laughed. Born in Glasgow he became	Barker, reviewed the show, he muddled his frames of ref-	man, a
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	a a	nd Irish political songs		flow, then transcribed them	returned Lee to tailoring, but	roised some laughs," I might	GUSTAVU died unex
		elped put him on the right- ing political blacklist of the]	Hamish was an	minus my frequent cackles of laughter. When I told him	he did his real work at night, playing drums in his own	have sued for defamation of character, but by the time I	died unerg on Decem Father of Remember January 50 rium. Fan wished, to
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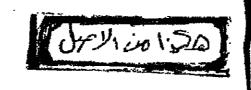
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Despite Robinson supporters' club, underwriters unhappy about level of bid needed to secure Forte Notebook

City doubts Granada win

Lisa Buckingham and Ian King

RANADA'S head room to launch a knock-out take-over bid for hotels group, Forte, was dealt a blow yesterday when some of the City's big fund managers said they would be unhappy to provide funds for a substantially higher offer.

One investment manager said:"I wouldn't be surprised if Granada just walked away. They are not going to get Forte with the current level of bid and they will find it difficult to get an increased offer underwritten."

Granada's bid values Forte at about £3.12 billion and nuch of that is funded by a City-wide underwriting ex-barcise in which investors in inimum price. Arcthon lorge fund market in the table to the at about £3.12 billion and much of that is funded by a City-wide underwriting excercise in which investors agree to buy new shares for a Another large fund manage able to show its shareholders ment group said:"We would be prepared to stay as a subthat the acquisition of Forte will enhance earnings and is

be prepared to stay as a sub-underwriter so long as Gra-nada raised its bid by only a few pence but that is likely to be far lower than what they likely to provide details of the £100 million a year profit im-provement it believes achievlook likely to have to pay."

Granada said yesterday it had made no approaches to sound out City opinion on the possibility of a higher bid. Charles Allen, the company's chief operating officer, said it to agree to participate in a would be inappropriate to da- higher offer. One said:"I would

able at the hotels group in its final document on January 9. But even shareholders who claim to be fans of Granada chief Gerry Robinson say they will need to be provided with substantial comfort if they are

nal underwriting facility of £2.5 billion - said he was not aware of any hostility coming from the sub-underwriters. He added: "The banks were committed to what they knew 15 per cent to win and that would be on the very outer edges of what we would be would be a hostile bid, and I'd happy with." The investment group which will be crucial to the outcome of the bid, however, be surprised if any of them thought that Forte would just roll over ... it was an initial offer, not a final offer."

is Mercury Asset Manage-ment which has a sharehold-ing of about 14 per cent in the bidder and the target but is believed to be a fan of Mr Robinson. MAM declined to com-Julian Lewry of ABN Amro expressing concerns, but £3.24 billion

which we're not bothered at this d Chem-stage." he origi-Granada is widely expected together with BZW and Chem-ical Bank arranged the origi-

to have to increase its bid to win the battle after Forte revealed an increased valuation for its core hotels, prom-ised shareholders an £800 million buy back and a distribution of the company's stake in the Savoy hotels chain as well as having se-cured more than £1 billion for its restaurants business.

Granada's share price of Meanwhile, an executive of 649%p last night puts its cash-and-paper offer at 328p, valu-ing the whole of Forts at one bank which acted as a sub-underwriter for the origi-nal facility said : "We feel that £3.12 billion — against Forte's closing share price of 343p, a market capitalisation of Granada could raise the offer a bit, and are not worried at the prospect. Others may be



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rounding rail privatisation.

timetables and that may not be the last legal challenge. As serious, of course, is the polit-

ical context of this offer. The weakness of the Government

has been exposed by the de-fection of Emma Nicholson to

the Liberal Democrats, while

Labour is planning to test the

Government's majority in the Commons at every possible

opportunity - and the unpop

ular rail privatisation will

As important to investors,

both here and abroad, is the uncertainty over what an al-

ternative government would

the railways will come back under official control is cer-

tain to weigh heavily with in-

vestors. One only has to

watch the nervous trading in

water utility stocks to see the

evaluated as a business, then

things would be far more straightforward. There are

still critical matters to be

potential risk. Harden if Railtrack were simply

provide it with ammunition.

Political signals

tors were making much of the fact that if the company so wished there was up to £3.8 billion out there in its loan syndicate — against the £2.5 billion that Granada actually needed. That may have been so be-

fore Christmas, but since then there has been a bravura performance by Forte's de-fence team: this has included RailTRACK has been po-sitioned on the privati-sation slipway with the the sale of its restaurant business to Whitbread, the revaluation and profits breakdown of the hotel interests and --best of all from the point of decision to announce a May public offer in which retail investors will enjoy a degree of preference. The decision by view of shareholders — the promise of an £800 million

the Government and its finan-cial advisers, SBC Warburg, share buyback. In that Mr Robinson cre to press ahead with the share ated the conditions in which issue is an act of bravery given the legal, political and business uncertainties surall this could happen, in such a short period of time, he has worked miracles for Forte shareholders already. There have been setbacks in the courts over the new

in fact, so well that our own informal poll of some key shareholders (not including MAM) suggests that as subunderwriters in the syndicate organised by ABN Amro, BZW and Chemical they would be reluctant to stump up more cash for a higher offer, let alone vote their con-

siderable stakes in favour. Granada still believes that it can convince its supporters that there are 2100 million extra profits to be squeezed out of the current Forte, a claim it promises to develop soon. But there is the distinct impression now that since Granada discovered Sir Rocco do about rail privatisation should John Major's govern-ment fall. The possibility that out shooting on day one of their bid they have drawn no fresh blood.

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A LTHOUGH this may be a vain new year wish, it, sees a reversal of last year's loss of momentum on environmental issues in the business world.

First indications good, however. The Govern-ment's Advisory Committee on Business and the Environ-

Ford bullish on European return to profitability

ORD expects its Euro-pean operations to reverse recent losses and be profitable this year, chair-man and chief executive Alex Trotman said yesterday, writes Chris Barrie.

Speaking as industry ex-ecutives gathered in De-troit for the town's international motor show, Mr Trotman said rising sales would continue in both the US and Europe. The company used the event to un-veil its Indigo concept car. A road-going version is capable of 125 mph.

Although he refused to quantify the size of the European profits ahead, Mr Trotman added that sales would be strong also in Latin America. The company's financial services unit is expected to increase prof-its by 30 per cent on 1994's \$1.5 billion .(£970 million) Ford expects its world-

wide market share to be er cent in 1995.



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from 13.2 per cent in 1994. Total US car sales in 1996 will rise to about 15.8 million units compared with an estimated 15 million in 1995

Mr Trotman also said he was optimistic on the econ-omy, predicting "modest, sustainable" growth with low inflation.

Blue streak . . . Ford's two-seat V12 concept car, the Indigo, was unveiled at the Detroit International Auto Show

Railtrack sell-off to go ahead in May

Chris Barrie

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unpopular. HE Government signalled its determination to push ahead with railway privatisation yesterday by announc-ing that shares in Railtrack,

ownership. Transport spokes-man Brian Wilson said: "Labour's strong advice to the investment community Stressing that the timetable for the Railtrack sale was being met, transport depart-ment officials suggested its sale would maximise income more competition and choice.

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investors and the public that mined to retain the railway would crush its ability to turn known in advance, but the would have to price the the sell-off would prove infrastructure in public in profits. The union did not second will be determined by shares cheaply to provide inexpect its members to partici-pate in the share offer despite special deals for employees and pensioners. Under the terms of the Rail-

would be to steer clear of this unwanted privatisation." The party was considering a number of options and may the public who must register

second will be determined by shares cheaply to provide in-the strike price established in vestors with a cushion the international offer. Al-though the public will not know what the shares will he added that Labour faced a cost in the labour acced a range of values will be given in the prospectus. The public will enjoy a discount on the public ownership with the public

settled like the shape of its balance sheet. Moreover, the financial community would be a great deal happier if more of the operating companies and franchises were in private hands before May, so that it could base its analysis on real market figures rather than accountants' estimates. Nevertheless, by assuring a steady seven-year income stream for Railtrack, the Government has gone some way to assuring investors on this point.

In rather different political circumstances Railtrack. with its enormous undeveloped property assets and sat-isfactory income stream, might have looked a useful enough investment. But even at a discounted price, this may not be the stuff of private investors' dreams,

Bravura effort

ment appears to have lost its early cutting edge, as evi-denced in its deliberations on environmental reporting, which will be published soon. The committee was chal-lenged last spring by Environ-ment Secretary John Gummer to come up with answers on how companies should ac count for their environme impacts. It should not have been too difficult to respond. since the committee had al-

ready published a prelimi-nary report which, among other things, called on the Stock Exchange to incorporate environmental reporting in its listing requirements. It seems that a further six

months of contemplation have done little to advance thinking. The impending committee report is expected to do little more than call for

the track operator, would be sold next May in a public and institutional offering through share shops nationwide. In a move to regain the po- litical initiative on privatisa- tion, ministers pledged that the sale, which could top 22 billion, would be presaged by a nationwide press and TV	wowned privatisation." The party was considering a number of options and may spell out its plans to potential investors ahead of the May sale, he added. The RMT union warned that Railtrack would only be profitable if it were allowed to sell off assets, including its extensive property portfolio. A spokesman said Railtrack ment programme which track offer at least 30 per cent of the shares will be offered in the public who must register in advance with organisa- tions acting as share shops, such as banks and building societies. Institutional inves- tors, including overseas in- vestors, will buy shares through an international, open-priced, tender offer. The size of the first will be	range of values will be given in the prospectus. The public price paid by institutions. City analysts were quick to point out that yesterday's an nouncement omitted to dis- close key facts, including what proportion of Railtrack shares would be sold, the cap- ital structure of the company. and the shares' price range. One stockbroker said last night that the Government	Bravura effort T HAS been an unspoken assumption throughout the course of the closely-fought Gramada bid for Forte that all that Gerry Robinson, so long a City favourite, had to do was lift his finger and the cash would be ready to sup- port a higher bid. Indeed, at the time that the underwrit-
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ince over 50 on the index indi-	MARK MILNER on group's 45.8 per cent. That was the first time any other	trough. Obviously, it would	Paul Murphy through the 3700 level for the first time to close at 3715.6.
Larry Elliott Economics Editor NFLATIONARY pressures in manufacturing industry have faded away as firms have cut prices to attract new orders, according to a survey released yesterday. In a snapshot that raised the City's hopes of an early cut in interest rates, the Char- tered Institute of Purchasing and Supply said factories ended last year on a downbeat note. The organisation's pur- chasing managers' index (PMI) found only a marginal recovery in December from the poor November showing. With order books drying up and firms trying to get rid of excess stocks. Peter Thompson, director- gemeral of the institute, said: "This is rather sobering pews Productivity is healthy, but demand is static as many firms use existing stocks to meet sales. As far as order books are concerned, mant- facturers seem to have had a quiet Christmas." The index is based on ques- tions put to purchasing man- agers, who buy parts and raw materials for industry. Read-	developments in fight for the skies with rival Boeing Mirbor in the skies mercial jets, pulled in re- cord revenues last year but to 166 aircraft, which leaves the company trailing well behind its main rival, Boeing Mirbor in 1995 amounted to \$9.6 billion (£6.2 billion) compared with \$2.5 billion the previ- ous year, according to Air- bus, a consortium of Brit- ish Aerospace, Deutsche Airbus, France's Aerospa- tiale and Spain's Casa. In recent years Boeing has traditionally outsold Airbus on a ratio of around two-to-one. But, in 1994, Airbus bar- rowly outstripped Boeing in the race for new orders, taking some 47.7 per cent of	have been nice to do even better, but I don't think the figures were that bad. We would classify them as somewhere in the middle," Intersting the said. "I think one of the most interesting things will be Airbus's reaction if Boeing stretches its 747 [aircraft] again. That would keep Boeing clear in the niche market for very large air- craft," he said. Airbus deliveries totalled 124 last year and the group said the increase in turn- over reflected a larger pro- portion of the new genera- tion A330/A340 wide bodied jets. At the end of the year Airbus had an order book of some 578 air- craft, worth around \$46.4 Million. The group was able to get the new year off to a flying start by announcing that it had won a \$580 million order from Gatx Capital Corporation for its A321	After jumping 60 points on tuggets one- day gain in seven months — America's premier share in- der gain in seven months — America's points at lunchtime yesterday.The move, triggered by speculation that an end to the stand-off between the Republican Congress and President Bill Clinton over the American budget deficit is nown in sight, echoed across financial markets around the world.Equity strategists in Lon- don are banking on another turt to 6% per cent in December.Following the surprise cut in American interest rates a week before Christmas, there are now hopes that US bor- rowing costs will fall further at the end of this month. In London, the FTSE 100 in- der of top British companies jumped 27.7 points, burstingMatter takeover bids has de- layed the process of "pricing in" the possibility of a gen- eral election before the autumn.TOURIST FATES — BANK SELLSItaly 2.392 Matter 0.375 Netherland 2.31Singapore 2.15 Sumt Area 5.475 Netherland 2.31Austral 2.02 Granda 2.05 Hong Kong 11.81 Cyprus 0.6650 Denmark 8.41 Ireland 0.94Italy 2.392 Iraye 4.86 Saudi Arable 5.80Singapore 2.15 Sumt Area 5.475 Netherland 2.31 Sweden 10.10 Switzerand 1.73 Sun

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Training ship will carry aid

Pleted for the building of Britain's largest registered sailing vessel which will carry aid to Third World countries and return with goods for sale in Europe.

The Renaissance, the first such vessel to be built in the UK for 75 years, will be crewed for six months each year by 120 youngsters in a training programme for those deemed to be at risk or who have been in care. British Telecom has given

£66.000 to fund the project's initial stages. The Renaissance, to be based at Devonport, has been designed by Mike W11-

loughby, marine services director of the Renaissance Maritime Charitable Trust. Captain Willoughby is pictured with a model of the ship at Devonport. HOTOGRAPH, STEWART GOLDSTEIN



Indian penalty could wipe out firm
British conglomerate set to prosper from affiliate's ill health

£146m tax evasion fine |ITC plays threatens **BAT** partner

Suzanne Goldenberg in New Dethi

CRIPPLING fine of 8 billion rupees is threatening the future of BAT's Indian tobacco affiliate, ITC

The fine is the largest ever imposed on an Indian firm, and is part of a drive against tax evasion by cigarette companies. "ITC's entire net worth will

be wiped out," if it is actually made to pay, said VV Sivaku mar, a research manager with Crosby in Bombay.

ITC's net worth was esti-mated at 8.54 billion rupees in March last year. Mr Sivaku-mar said he expected ITC would eventually be asked to pay a much smaller amount following an appeal. The fine by the excise com-

missioner caps a turbulent year for the Indian tobacco

A long-running battle by the British conglomerate to take management control at ITC failed last month when beard, although it could apply for a waiver. The company local institutional shareholders rejected BAT's candidate has three months to appea (2148.5 million) for | for chairman and instead proagainst the order. A BAT spokesman in New Delhi said moted Yogesh Deveshwar, the 48-year-old vice-president to the top post. Mr Deveshwar, who took

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last night that there would be no decision on whether to bail out its recalcitrant Indian afover on New Year's Day, said filiate until it was officially the firm still had to decide what course to take. However, informed of the ruling. Mr Deveshwar is expected to discuss what price BAT might exact for a rescue oper-ation during a scheduled visit a spokesman for ITC said the firm would definitely appeal to the customs tribunal.

In addition to his order that to London next week. ITC pay back taxes, the excise commissioner imposed a pen-The ruling comes at a time when ITC executives were trying to forget a bruising ITC and seven firms making cigarettes for it, and fined six confrontation with BAT in which the Indian firm had been accused of financial irformer ITC directors a total of 31.5 million rupees. Directors facing personal regularities. "It's not some-thing that's just cropped up.

News in brief

This is just another reason why they felt systems could be better in FIC," a BAT fines were also expected to ap-peal. "We would like to say that ITC has never transbeen found by the adjudicator that they had not paid full duty and duty has been imgressed the law," executives spokeswoman said. at the company's headquar Tuesday's ruling follows posed on the basis of the difters in Calcutta said. Indian government lawyers battles between ITC and the prices, "he said.

said that ITC would normally be required to deposit the sum until the appeal could be finance ministry in which the tobacco firm appealed to the Supreme Court to have the charges thrown out. The dispute arises from al-

leged short payment of excise duty between 1983 and 1987. M Chandrasekaran, the additional solicitor-general who acted for India's finance min-istry, said the case centred on

a discrepancy between the stated price of cigarettes and the price at which they were eventually sold. Vendors were instructed to sell ITC-branded cigarettes at

higher prices than those printed on the packet, and the firm did not pay excise on the difference.

"The case of the govern-ment was that they printed a price on the packet which was in fact not the price at which it was being sold or was capable of being sold. It has

hard to get National pride saw off outsider. says SUZANNE

GOLDENBERG SFORTUNE at ITC could be to BAT's gain in its cam-IV paign to increase its stake in the Indian firm

and assert more operational control In September last year. BAT engineered the prema-ture exit of the flamboyant ITC chairman, Krishan Lal Chugh after a boardroom

struggle in which British executives brought in auditors to accuse the Indian firm of financial irregularites. BAT later withdrew the charges. It was thwarted in its efforts to split the post of chairman into executive and non-executive positions, and to restructure the ITC board.

national pride and Indian fi-nancial institutions, which hold a 38 per cent share of the | a demonstration of how firm against BAT's 31.8 per cent, forced through the ap-pointment of Yogesh Devesh-

This was arrived at without a ballot after a two-day stand-off between BAT board repre-sentatives and Indian financial institutions. It was seen as a humiliation for BAT, which had been lobbying for an external candidate. Mr Deveshwar, aged 48, has been with ITC for nearly 30 years. BAT reconciled itself to defeat because Mir Deveshwar was said to enjoy good con-tacts at India's finance

ministry. The struggle centred on BAT's efforts to increase its stake in ITC to 51 per cent by installing its own candidate as chairman. It was also hoping to broaden control over ITC's more lucrative tobacco operations while spinning off its financial services, hotal

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Corporate bruisers start to fight back

Outlook '96/Lisa Buckingham on

increasing tension in boardroom politics

HE corporate gover-nance debate could hardly be more finely balanced. Flushed with their success at the British Gas annual meeting last year and armed with the new checklist recommended by Sir Richard Greenbury, indi-vidual shareholders and their representative groups could be forgiven for feeling they have it within their power to excise rot in the boardroom. The "Gas alliance" struck between small shareholders and bodies such as Pensions Investment Research Consultants - which represents numerous local authority funds appears to suggest that, on some issues at least, individ-uals and those backed by billions of pounds can find

common ground. But, while the backing of the mighty institutional investors remains crucial for individual shareholder groups seeking to implement change at the annual meeting, the last year has shown that powerful alternatives exist. Take Shell's climbdown

over the Brent Spar. There, investors concerned about wider governance issues such as a company's approach to the environment, were given affective it could be to link up with a potent green

movement There are influences seek-ing to roll back some of the corporate governance gains of recent years and wrap up the debate before it becomes any more onerous for business. The Stock Exchange and CBI attempted to keep the remit of the Cadbury 2 committee under Sir Ronnie Hampel's chairmanship as narrow as

> possible. Bruised by the executive pay controversy which led to the formation of the Greenbury committee and stung by recommendations from the Marks & Spencer chairman which were more demanding than expected, these two organisations made it clear that they did not want any reexamination of "big issues

Indeed, members of the Greenbury committee have

some of its proposals, particu-larly those relating to the reporting of executive pen-sion payments which — in the first year at least — are expected to produce tele-phone-number packages for many FTSE-100 directors. Sir Ronnie, chairman of

Sir Ronnie, chairman of ICI, is no one's stooge and stood out for an independently-minded group of exec-utives prepared to join him on Cadbury 2. He has said that this group will look at all corporate governance issues and hopes to issue a consultative paper before making

final recommendations. Sir Ronnie is not driven by a zeal to redefine the composi-tion and workings of Britain's boardrooms as was his prede-cessor. Sir Adrian Cadbury. Nor does he appear keen to take on some of the less mainstream issues raised under the title Tomorrow's Company bythe Royal Society for Arts, which looked at corporate relations with employees, suppliers and the community as well as with shareholders.

But, by ruling nothing out, Sir Ronnie can rule every-thing in. Even if he does not have the stomach for another big overhaul, he can try to en-sure that what already exists works as well as possible.

This means looking more closely at the role of institu-tional investors and asking if they could and should be more active. Compulsory voting for big fund managers is a traught issue which is likely to come into focus as a potential Labour government ooms larger.

The decisions by the rail, post and BT pension funds to publish voting guidelines could provide a bridge. Sets of rules have the merit of forc-ing funds to think about their policies before they publish and then sticking to them once they are in the open. Go-ing public with the common insurance company policy of endorsing the current man-agement unless there are

overwhelming reasons not to, simply invites questions. Few contentious corporate governance issues slot nicely into a given set of guidelines But fund managers are paid highly to make judgments on management strategy and efficiency. In their role as guardians of the Cadbury and Greenbury codes, they must now prepare to stand up and

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NDERSIDE is cheered to note that the Met Office is not wasting public money. Callers requesting weather information must pay for the service. Basic facts, such as "it was minus 20 in Glasgow last night" could set you back £100, a spokes-man revealed. Pressed for a summary of the recent cold snap, he added: "It's not

son". Clear?

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something we have readily available," but offered to fax the information, along with an invoice. For a mere £138 a month plus VAT. customers can make 12 calls a month for weather statistics. A £400 charge is made for more frequent in-quirles. It might be cheaper to step outside the door.

HE fayer of brakers UBS, at Broadgate, is sporting an imagina tive festive display. Adorn ing one wall are photo-graphs of employees taken at the firm's bash at the Grosvenor House Hotel. They show some of the City's top folk, pink-cheeked and dressed to the nines. Copies are a cool £8 each but Underside yester-just being bashful.

HOSE tax wallahs are taking the do-lt-your-self philosophy behind self-assessment too far. Yesterday the Chartered In-stitute of Taxation began its 1996 publicity offensive with a press release of one-and-a-half lines. saying the institute had submitted its comments on public access to the VAT register. No word of what those comments were. Nor who they had been submitted to. A self-assessed press release?

ORD/LB, Germany's 10th largest bank, has Nent us a glossy tome celebrating its 25th anni-versary. Beautifully bound, exquisitely photographed and clearly having cost a packet, it contains useful nuggets such as "when dealing with large sums, fractions of a percentage point could mean the difference between profit and loss." Money well spent, we 537.

Engineer jailed for £1.6m bribes

A DUTCH marine engineer on a £100,000 salary started a threeyear jail sentence yesterday after admitting taking £1.6 million in bribes from a Singapore-based shipyard. The Serious Fraud Office said Cornelis Van der Horst, 54, took bribes to favour Kepple Shipyard during the bidding process for ship repair contracts while working in Britain for Petroleum Shipping Ltd. PSL, which moved to Southampton in September 1994, manages the Exxon Corporation's fleet of tankers and the SFO said in the four years to 1995 every repair contract was awarded to Keppel. The 27th consecutive ship provoked a PSL internal inquiry which led to a police investigation. Van der Horst pleaded guilty at Southampton Crown Court to three specime charges of corruption. — Sarah Ryle

Banks attacked on Tessas

BANKS have given savers a raw deal on Tessa savings accounts paying out an average £300 less than a typical building society, according to the Consumers' Association magazine Which? The consumer watchdog claimed that the five biggest banks — Abbey National, NatWest, Barclays, Lloyds and Midland — all paid a lower return than the average Tessa tax-exempt savings account.

Bank of Scotland, Barclays, Clydesdale, First Direct, Lloyds and Midland all have Tessas among the Which? 10 worst perform-ers. The Bradford & Bingley and Nationwide building societies were branded as offering the worst buys. A Nationwide spokes-man said its rates were in line with those of its competitors, and the Bradford & Bingley maintained it topped most other independent best-buy tables. — Teresa Hunter

Polish telecoms claim

FRANCE Telecom has launched a \$500 million (£325 million) claim for compensation from the Polish government, claiming the country's telecommunications ministry is denying it the right to a mobile telephone licence in breach of a four-year-old agreemen The French company said yesterday that it had taken its case to the International Court at the Hague.

The move follows a similar initiative by Ameritech, France Telecom's US partner in the Polish company, Centertel, Ameri-tech is claiming \$1.5 billion from the Polish authorities. Polish government officials deny Centertel was promised a licence and argue the group must bid for one of two mobile phone licences which have been put up for tender. - Mort Miln

Dresdner tax arrests

GERMAN police yesterday arrested two officials from Dresdner Bank in Koblenz on suspicion of abetting tax evasion. Dresdner said the arrests were linked with a special case and were not part of a wider tax inquiry. "It is totally different from the other cases examined by tax investigators in our bank and therefore cannot be compared with them," a spokesman said.

German banks have come under fire since the 1994 introduction of a 30 per cent withholding tax on interest income provoked an exodus of hundreds of billions of marks to Luxembourg. Moving funds abroad to avoid tax is not illegal, but failing to report interest income is. -- Mark Milner

Rope maker in a knot

SHARES in Bridon fell 14.5p to 104.5p yesterday after the wire and rope maker issued a profits warning. It said its 1995 profit would be lower than the previous year's £10.1 million, partly due to reduced profitability in the US and losses at its Australian subsidiary'

Bridon, which intends to raise its final dividend by 10 per cent. said the group's investment programme and new production methods would have an impact in 1996. - Pouline Springent

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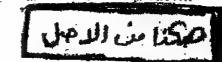
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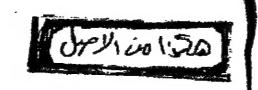
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come in time to save the rearranged King George VI Tripleprint Chase at Sandown on Saturday, but the warmer weather did not arrive early enough for Dublin Flyer.

He misses the big race as his trainer, Tim Forster, has been unable to give the Mack-eson Gold Cup winner a thorfone Derby will be the first with prize money of £1 mil-lion, despite the news that the ough preparation because of the frozen ground. hows the spin of the news that the initial entry for the world's best-known Flat race is the lowest since the present sys-tem was initiated for the 1992 Confirming his horse's ab-

sence, owner John Sumner explained: "Captain Forster has not been able to do enough work to get him race. ready. "Tim has bad worse

weather at Wantage than we have at Banbury, and we've had it pretty bad. We thought there was no point in running him if he was not ready, so we'll wait for another day." The John Bull Chase at

Wincanton next week is a possible alternative for Dubaware of the entry stage in March 1997." March 1997." Mary Reveley will be hop-ing that Sedgefield passes a precautionary inspection this morning. She has several good chances at the enterpris-ing northern course with lin Flyer, but victory would be scant compensation for Summer, who won the King George with Royal Marshall II in 1976.

As a result of yesterday's ing porthern course, with Lochnagrain (1.40) well worth an interest in the Sedwithdrawal, there was a minor shake-up in the ante-post market and the Tote's 9-4 gefield Cricket Club Chase. Lochnagrain was admira-bly consistent in novice huris now the best price about the favourite, One Man. Coral

Barton Bank, while Lad-brokes are opposing Master being placed in the Oats at 11-2. remainder Coral have Merry Gale

He has always looked the sort to do better over fences, and made a favourable impression on his chasing debut at Doncaster last month, go-Choose between Francols at Doncaster last month, go-Doumen's pair, offering both at 10-1, but Algan is generally available at 14-1. Edward Gillesple remained confident that the 1997 Voda-fore Dorby will be the first

Reveley and Peter Niven should also win the Corner Shop Selling Handicap Hur-dle with Eimberley Boy (1.10) and Cutthroat Kid has a chance in the Ceddesfell Hall Hurdle on his third to Sesame Seed at Doncaster. However, he was more than There are 554 horses

entered at £250, compared to 12 lengths behind Pride Of May (3.40) when they were fourth and sixth respectively 620 last year, a decrease of 10.6 per cent, but only 10 fewer than the previous low-est. "It's a nice pool of horses to work with," said Gillespie. "My main job now is to ento Sparky Gale at Ayr and at today's weights will be hard pressed to finish ahead of his old rival. Matthew McCloy has won a seat on the British Horserac-ing Board for a four-year sure than international owners of suitable horses are

term. Currently a co-opted member, the chairman of the Industry Committee will replace Michael Darnell from June as the Industry member and director.

His candidacy was agreed unanimously by members of the Industry Committee yesterday despite the contro-versy that has surrounded his trip to New York when he was and the Tote offer 7-2 about | dies last season, running six | held in police custody.



Winning leap . . . David Bridgwater takes the final flight on Valiant Toski on the way to victory in yesterday's Godstone Selling Hurdle at Lingfield PHOTOGRAPH FRANK BARON

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Rugby League

Paul Fitzpatrick

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player, takes on the skipper's

Warrington look to Cullen for leadership

have a late fitness test on a damaged thigh. "We won't win," Cullen

added, "If we play like we did HE mantle of Warrington club captain has fallen to Paul Cullen; as in the second half against Wigan on Monday. Our intenone of the game's most articu-late and intelligent players he sity in defence ebbed away drastically and, if we let that happen again, we will have Cullen, now 32, used to be one of the game's firebrands, burning on one of the shortest problems '

St Helens have problems, St Helens have problems, too, and not only appertain-ing to tonight. Against Wigan on Boxing Day Saints practi-cally fielded a reserve side and they will have to explain why to a Rugby Football League inquiry tomorrow. They will play a much more recognisable team this time. Bobby Goulding their scrum. fuses in the business. He used to run on to the pitch, he says, with an angel on one shoulder and a devil on the other but was never quite sure which one would carry the day. The fool is the person who

never learns, however, and it Bobby Goulding, their scrum-half and captain, is back from is almost six years since Cul-len last appeared before the disciplinary committee. On his last visit he was told that suspension and Hayes and Gibbs also return to the back they never wanted to see him division.

But they are still without three of their best players in Paul Newlove, the club's re-cord signing, Anthony Sulli-van and Chris Joynt, the again. He took the hint. Cullen, by a distance War-rington's longest-serving job left vacant by Greg Mack-ey's return to Australia. His first task will be to try to lead back-row forward. That these players are still

Wire into Saturday week's Regal Trophy final for the second straight year by win-ning at St Helens in tonight's missing might help Saints at the inquiry, but their ab-sences will not do them any favours tonight.

ning at St Helens in tonight's re-arranged semi-final. "We have enough power, and skill to win the game," who was threatening to take his employers of four years to an industrial tribunal. Uncon-ly Shelford, Mark Jones and probably Andy Currier. But the exciting 18-year-old loose forward Paul Sculthorpe will

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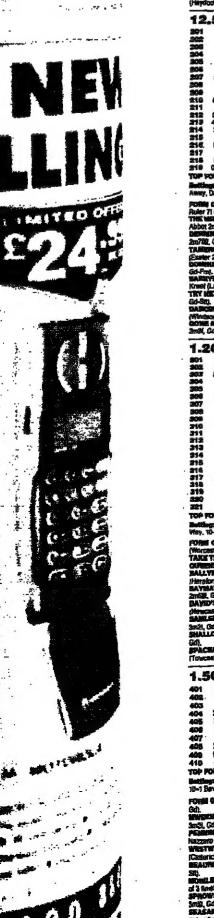
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David Lacey on the latest brainstorms from Sepp Blatter's Fifa think-tank: wider goals, higher crossbars and a smaller ball

Don't move the goalposts

intends pressing ahead with its bizarre plan to make the goals bigger will have come as a surprise to Bolton Wanderers, who believed the Premier League was the pioneer in this field.

The failure of Bolton's defenders to prevent the ball's regular arrival even in nets of normal size has led to the sacking of Roy McFarland. He was the last ball-playing centre-half to appear regularly for England, and it is ironic that his dismissal should come at a time when the English game is so painfully short of similar qualities in this position. consideration.

The Christmas and New Year programme was notable for two things: the excellence of some of the finishing and the poverty of much of the defending. Against the goals struck so spectacularly by, among others, McManaman,

WS that Fifa Collymore and Fowler for bing of David Seaman in last Liverpool, Shearer for Blackburn. Spencer for Chelsea, Ginola for Newcastle and Wright for Aston Villa has to be set a steepening decline in defensive standards.

Surely nobody can have come away from the holiday erage forward will approach that of Kevin Francis, Bir-mingham's 6ft 7in striker. matches believing the entertainment would have been Making the ball smaller. improved through expanding which surely is part of the the goals by two ball-widths and one ball-height. The reductio ad absurdum of the Blatter proposal, would merely imitate an advanced alarming thing is not that Sepp Blatter, the secretary-general of Fifa, continues to



national Board, which nor-mally rejects such lunacies, is New Year leaders 1895-96 Newcastie 1995-96 Newcesti 1996-95 Blackburn 1993-94 Man Utd 1992-93 Nerwich 1997-93 Nerwich 1997-91 Liverpagi 1993-90 Liverpagi 1993-89 Arsensi giving the matter serious The essence of a good game of football lies in the amount of chances created and the number of shots and headers 1967-88 Liverooo on target, not necessarily the 1986-87 Arsenal 1986-88 Man Us goals scored. Moments such as Nayim's prodigious lob-Man Utd

son's European Cup Winshould be left on the table. ners' Cup final should be ex-As if modern defenders did

quisite rarities, not the norm. not have enough problems, Make the goals bigger in 1998 and by the turn of the what with restrictions on passing back to the goalcentury the height of the avkeeper, an easing in the inter-pretation of offside, the outawing of the challenge from behind and the erosion of the referee's discretion on questions of intent.

Perhaps it is not so surpris-ing, therefore, to find ballwatching a regular habit mong many Premiership de-

fenders and the far post a far country when it comes to dealing with crosses of any quality. Such faults, moreover, are by no means con-fined to low-lying teams.

Blackbur Man Uki Leeda Arsanal Liverpoo Arsenal Liverpoo Evenan Uverpoo Evenan Before Christmas Arsenal were, with Middlesbrough, the leading exponents of the Scrooge tendency. In losing 3-0 at Newcastle on Tuesday night, even with Adams and Bould restored to their back four, they continued to defend like Tiny Tims, Boro having

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beaten 4-1 at Tottenham on Monday, could plead the ab-sence of Bruce, Pallister and Irwin, together with Schmeichel's pre-match calf injury, in mitigation — as well as the total unsultability of William Prunier st centre-back when faced with Armstrong's fleetness of foot and Sheringham's

speed of thought. Prunier's must have b the shortest French trial since Marie Antoinette's. The Bordeaux defender came out of the White Hart Lane experience looking even paler and more gaunt than when he went into it.

For those forced to watch the relegation battle the qual-ity of some of the individual forwards and midfielders -McGinlay for Bolton, Whelan and Dublin for Coventry, Kinkladze and Quinn for Manchester City, Holdsworth and Earle for Wimbledon, and

deep down by the Solent making matches watchable not always winnable.

Newcastle United represen the best of both worlds and, if precedent is anything to go by, will eventually bring the leagne title to St James' Park for the first time since 1927. They went into the holiday fixtures seven points in front they have emerged with the

same lead and a match in hand. And, as the accompanying table shows, the New Year leaders usually finish as champions.

The strength of Newcastle's Premiership position should relax Kevin Keegan's players for their coming cup ties at Chelsea and Arsenal. For the moment Manchester United, with only six points from their four holiday games and a growing casualty list, have more cause for concern, especially with Liverpool picking up the pace of the chase

Leader, page 8

Martin Thorpe on Sunday's meeting

between the South coast's bitter rivals

HE domestic game is home to many local derbies, yet one of the most fiercely contested

is a match which, because the combatants have long inhab-ited different divisions, rarely gets played. This Sunday is an exception; this Sunday rival communities will offer up for football." up a Solent prayer for victory as Southampton entertain Portsmouth in the FA Cup. Entertain is probably the

wrong word. The last time the two teams met, in May 1994, there was crowd trouble --and that was just for a testimonial game for Pompey's goalkeeper Alan Knight. Already Portsmouth faus have had T-shirts made for Sunday's game bearing the

date January 3, 1988. This was the last time Pompey played a competitive match against pey fan for 46 years. The football differences are the team their supporters call

"the Scummers", and Ports-mouth won 2-0 at The Dell. Pompey eventually went down from the old First Div-ision that season. "But after that result it didn't really matter." says Paddy Thomas, chairman of the Portsmouth Supporters' Club. Meanwhile, 20 miles away along the South Coast, the

Southampton fanzine Ugly Inside has been stoking the fires of rivalry before the big match by advertising the unique Pompey bra: "No cups and little support and abso-lutely no hope of keeping hem up.

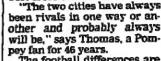
This was the tie they all wanted. "We watched the draw in the pub," says Thomas, "and, when they said we were at Southampton, the cheers nearly blew the windows out. The only better draw we could have dreamt of would have been to play them

at home." "It's probably on a par with England-Scotland," says Ugly Inside's editor Clive Foley, adding gleefully: "When we knocked them out the Cup in 1984 they were riding pretty high in the old Second Div-

the two clubs can become stu-pidly intense. For instance, at Fratton Park any visiting former Southampton player is likely to be greeted by cries of "scummer" each time he touches the ball. And Foley has received even worse treatment. "I've been getting death threats from Pompey fans." he reveals. "Two let-ters early this season and a phone call this week.

"It's sad really, because personally I don't particu-larly hate Portsmouth. I'd rather see them in the Pre-miership because the whole area would be more pumped

Rivalry between the two communities goes back a long way. Portsmouth, a Royal Navy port, has long looked down its nose at the Merchant Navy outpost along the coast. And now the Royal Navy is being wound down, competition between the two cities has shifted to who runs the best cross-channel ferries.



also historic, stemming from the days when Portsmouth were the best team in England, never mind Hampshire, winning the League title in 1948-9 and 1949-50. "In those days Southampton were a Second Division and Third Division South outfit," says Thomas, "and in many people's minds they will al ways be that: a small club with small ideas and, as a result, incapable of producing high-quality football. Many people see them as unstarts."

Neither club can look down their nose at the moment Both are short of cash and looking to upgrade inadequate grounds. Portsmouth seem close to being taken over by a new consortium, and both teams are languishing at the wrong end of their tables.

Nevertheless the atmosphere at the game will be ectric and, with Portsmouth allocated only 1.500 tickets because of The Dell's tiny 15,000 capacity, crowd trouble is unlikely - especially as 5,000 Pompey fans will watch the game on a giant screen at

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ian Ross and Robert Pryce

OAO HAVELANGE from Lennart Johansson again yesterday as the two men continued to divide the footballing world. Havelange, Fifa's presi dent, has recently at-tempted to separate Jo-hansson, Uefa's president, from his African supporters by promising Africa the

Johansson, who has am-bitions on Fifa's presidency, pointed out yester-day that the decision could be made only by Fifa's executive committee. "Things are starting to get out of hand," he told Sweden's daily Expressen. "It is not for the president to travel around the world deciding where the World Cup





2006 World Cup as though it were in his gift.

"I do not want to specu-

late about Havelange's motives. I can merely state that he, through his statement, has flagrantly disregarded the rules. His move is an act of desperation."

Havelange was embarrassed recently by a similar promise he made to Nige-ria. While the Nigerian government was preparing to execute nine activists in-cloding Ken Saro-Wiwa in November. Havelange dined with the Nigerian dictator General Sani Abacha, accepted an honorary chieftaincy and promised that Nigeria could stage the 1997 world youth champi-onships. Fifa's executive committee later confirmed that Malaysia would host the tournament.

Nigeria have since withdrawn from the African Nations Cup in South Africa this month because, they claimed, death threats had been issued to some of their players in the wake of

the November executions. Daniel Amokachi has been caught up in the un-certainty. The Nigeria and Everton forward had been expected to return to his club before the weekend but he has remained in Nigeria after hopes were raised that the Nigerians could be persuaded to relent.

The president of the Confederation of African Football Isa Hayatou travelled to Cameroon on Tuesday to open talks with Nigerian officials. "If Nigeria does not participate in the Afri-can Nations Cup it risks a six-year suspension," he said yesterday.



Free man . . . Bruce Grobbelaar finds admirers at Southampton court yesterday after being remanded for a committal hearing on match-rigging charges

Basketball Snooker Millichip to Results CHARITY CHALLENCE (Birmingham First round: D Borgum (Wales) bi T Gri libs (Wales) 5-3, P Ebdam (Eng) bi Grago (Wales) 5-3, W Thome (Eng) bi Waleson 6-3, W Thome (Eng) bi RENDLY INTERNATIO of First World high-or-In its 18-year history. England 76. Atlanta 88, New Jersey Portfand 101, New York retire As Seattle 111 The new Luter manager Lannic Law-rance has premised the reserve capits Wayne Turner to be his assistant. Cleveland 105, Wash 105, Minnesola 100, Indiana 107, Damas Soccer SIR BERT MILLICHIP yes-terday confirmed he will step down from the post of PONTURS LEAGUES First Civinious Nov-castle 2, Man Lid C, Tranmere 2, Black-burn C, West Bron O, Eventon 3, Second Distances: Port Vale 1, Sunderland 1: York The 34-year-old Turner began his 90 LA Lakers 85 erlang 1: York wed: Bradlord wham. 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Hampshire CCC profits stamped for 202,292 in 1994 to C51,775 last sease when the county struggled in the Britani Assurance Champtonship, limitshed tooli of line AXA Equity and Law Lengton A surfaced each elimitation from the C mzi (NI) 6-3, 6-3 Valence (Rom) bi N Kusti (Swe) 7-6. 6-4 Larmon (Swe) bi J Turango (US) 6-4. 6-7 6-3; P Kardar (Ge) bi M Stich (Ger) 6-3 5-4 m) bi N Kusti (Swe) 7-6, 6-4 . Millichip. 81 years old and 15 of them in the job, went on to outline his aims for the Cricket TOUR MATCHES: Wangemut: N2 Presi-deni's XI 111 and 153-5 IL Howerd 51]. Zimobleve 172 (Kennedy 4-22). Morrare England U-19 338 (A Finich 78). Mashona-land Disticts XI 165 (Edwards 3-24, Baity 2-38) England U-19 won by 33 runs. WORLD SERIES ONE-DAY MATCH: Ho-back Weet Indices 194 (S Chandreman) 271 5-4 AUSTRALIAN MEN'S MARDCOURT AUSTRALIAN MEN'S MARDCOURT CHAMPIONSHIP (Addiator) Second round: G Russian (GB) DI S Drapor (Aus) 6-3, 6-2 R Parton (II) DI K Kucerz (So) 6-3, 6-2 Y Katchillov (Rut) bi M Woodfordo (Aus) 6-4, 4-6, 6-1 J Frans (Arg) bi C.U Soub (Gor) 6-4, 3-6 6-1 MODEMAN CUP MIXED-TRAMS TOUR-NAMENT (Porth): Group A Croata 2, US 1 (Croata Infill: Septem I Majch Icz) December 2-4, 6-3 Other Infiller Infiller next six months and reiter-The Wigan prop Neil Cowie, sent off for leal play in the Boxing Day hammoring of SI Holens, appears bettere the Rugby League's disciplinary committee locary tenowing that a one-match ban would cause him to mba Salurday's Rugal Tro-phy sent-final against Leota at Central Park — and the latal & while labor if he draws a two-game ban. ated his support for the England coach Terry Venables. 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Ian Porterfield, former HE FA Cup has followed the Premiership in manager of Chelsea and Shef-field United, was yesterday sweeping away restricappointed assistant to Colin tions on European Union rodd at Bolton. players in the wake of the Liverpool are likely to meet

Juventus for the first time since the 1985 Heysel tragedy The FA announced vester day that from this Saturday's in the United States this summer. The clubs have anthird-round ties, up to and including the final in May, clubs can field as many EU nounced plans for a friendly match in Boston, possibly on players as they require. Alan Shearer has been

August 11. Boston is likely to be the next destination for Frank cleared by the Crown Prose-cution Service over allega-Stapleton, the former Arsenal tions that he made obscene and Manchester United striker. He is set to be named gestures at Middlesbrough fans last month. After the CPS decision the FA said it manager of a Major League Soccer club, the New England would not be pursuing the Revolution.

· Bruce Grobbelaar, Hans Several Boro fans com-Segers, John Fashanu and the Malaysian businessman Heng plained to police that the Blackburn striker made ges-tures at them after scoring Suan Lim, facing charges concerning match-rigging, were yesterday further remanded the winner in the game at Ewood Park on December 16 to appear at a committal hearand sent a video to the CPS. But after viewing it the CPS But after viewing it the CPS told the FA that Shearer cele-brated with clenched fists by and two weeks. pected to last between one

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Hockey

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Sean Kerly, Britain's match-winner in their Olympic gold medal side of 1988, is to return to National League action

after an absence of three sea-sons, writes Pat Rowley. The 36-year-old has been regis-tered by Richmond, where he teamed up with Stephen Batchelor, another member of Britain's golden side, in an HA Cup tie in December. Cricket

The West Indies pace bowler Kenny Benjamin has ap-pealed against a fine of 10 per cent of his England tour fee for breaching the dress code. He said that the West Indies arisen from the Bosman judg board never supplied him with the correct clothing, add-

from Winston Benjamin, a shirt borrowed from Junior Murray and a blazer made for

their second match of their tour to Zimbabwe yesterday. beating Mashonaland Dis-tricts XI by 53 runs in Harare.

Olympic Games

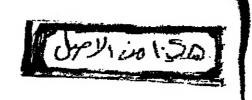
North Korea has confirmed it will compete in the Atlanta Olympic Games, completing a full line-up of 197 countries.

The British Athletic Federation has confirmed a fouryear ban on shot putter Guy Marshall for steroid use. Mar shall, who rose from British No. 54 to 17 last year, was tested at an inter-area match. in Birmingham in May.

ing that he travelled to Eng-land in trousers borrowed Ian Bishop. England Under-19s won

Athletics

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Cricket Hamlet has need of the gravedigger

Matthew Engel in who is also present, would be an alternative possibility.) Cape Town sees the Nothing in cricket is so de-

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Nothing in cricket is so de-moralising to a fielding side than a big last-wicket stand, most especially in a low-scor-ing game. One can bear being torn apart by a Richards or a Lara. But being turned into Charlies by a No. 11 is ghastly and England have been

HE beauty of a five-Test series is that it retains the structure of and England have been caught this way twice in the the Shakespearean drama. The weirdness of this series is that we reached Act series. Deeply flawed cricket teams

are always vulnerable to this kind of thing. It is also char-acteristic of teams coached by Five and absolutely damn all had happened: Act Two was a bit spicy but Acts One and Three were intermissions and Bob Woohner that the second Act Four mostly longueurs. Now, in the first two scenes

of Act Five, we have had the lot. And, if this play has Mike Atherton in the role of the tragic prince, then yesterday afternoon — between 4.38 and 5.44 pm South African time was when Hamlet was finally

driven potty. When Atherton trudged off into the twilight half an hour later, having got out to a shot of uncharacteristic indecisiveness, the denouement was approaching very rapidly

(Incidentally, 12 former England captains have been spotted in Cape Town this week. Any one of these might reasonably play old Hamlet's Ghost though Graham Taylor,

West Indies

off the mark

half of the order often bat bet-ter than the first half: Warwickshire are just the same. The tragi-comic stand be-tween Richardson and Adams defused one of the tensest pas-sages of play witnessed in modern Test cricket. The lowscoring match combined with the state of the series meant

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that every run seemed to count not double but quadruple. When Cork was responsible

for four overthrows just after Adams came in, they were cheered as though they were 20. And he held up his hands in a gesture of contrition that would have sufficed for drop-

ping Lara off a sitter on From then on England's

cricket grew ragged, as it had been in the morning. And by

the end, when Adams was square-driving Fraser as if he were Walter Hammond re-in-carnated, the tension had vanished. One had to laugh.

Ofor 42, helped West avoid bursting into tears. Between lunch and tea Eng-Indies finally break their land had got back in the game duck in the World Series through doing all the little with a 70-run victory over Sri Lanka in Hobart, Tasthings so very well: Martin and Fraser strangling the inmania. It was West Indies' nings, the fielders picking up everything. But there is no margin for error in English first win in five matches since the limited-overs series began last month. Sri Lanka were dismissed cricket because the team is

still not good enough. And as soon as anything goes wrong, everything is likely to go

west innies had scored 194. Sri Lanka's spinner Mut-tiah Murakitharan sorvived an examination of his con-troversial bowling tech-nique. Playing his first game since being no-balled seven times for throwing during last month's second Test against Australia, he claimed two wickets for 46.

On the battlements ... Dave Richardson haunted England thoughout the afternoon The problem was not that | heed the red light and depart | far than the actual surface. | a howled especially badly. when he was run out (though | One Capetonian knew | here was just no menace | that at least fits with the nor- | South Africa were going to be | mal behaviour of South African drivers). Since there has never been a major match on this partic-

had more to do with events so swinging.

all right yesterday because, when he woke up, there was no cloud on the mountain. Indeed, there was not a cloud to be seen all day - just a little afternoon heat haze and the plumes of smoke from the

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Last night another change

conditions do deteriorate. England might plunge to de-feat very quickly, leaving the hordes of spectators, already about it." turning ozone-hole beetroot, plenty of time for sunbathing and chuntering. In the meanbrewery. So there was not time they are indulging in the much chance of the ball familiar British pestime of straw-clutching.

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Boxing

Cowdell squares up to board

John Duncan

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FEW rounds of internecine strife looked on the cards last night with a leading small-hall promoter calling a meeting of licensed promoters, managers and boxers in Dudley at which he will marshal opposition to the British Boxing Board of Control's new safety recommendations. Pat Cowdell, the former double British and European champion, has called the champion, has called the meeting for January 21 at the Castle Hill Casino and has in-vited every BBBC licenceholder. He wants to force the board into calling an extraordinary general. meeting to discuss the new measures, but the January meeting is likely to turn into a wider attack on the way it governs the sport.

particularly by an indepen-dent panel who sat for a long time looking at boxing. "If Mr Cowdell is saying

that the board are forcing this on them, then he is wrong. What we have done is put the recommendations out as a consultation paper to area councils and asked them to discuss and debate and let the board know what they feel." Frank Warren, one of the

country's leading promoters, country's leading promoters, also strongly rejected Cow. dell's action. "I think Pat is very misguided," said War-ren. "We've had a lot of trage-dies in the ring recently, the board have got a good work-ing party together, of neuro-surgeons and top doctors, to see how we can improve esticit. If we can't take notice safety. If we can't take notice of those guys and implement what they are asking us to do to safeguard boxers, then we "There's a lot of people out can't expect their support and, without their support.

there won't be any boxing.

However, Cowdell may

have tapped into a growing

fear among smaller operators

about the cost and effect of the changes. 'If you put on a

show at Dudley Town Hall,

Warren, whose company

What they have to remember

tection wherever they fight.

"You have to move with the

there not happy with the way the board's been run." said Cowdell, "Everyone on the board is self-appointed and they are ruining the game in my opinion. If it's left to them

now, then in 15 years there'll be no boxing." Cowdell is unhappy at recent safety recommenda-tions, devised by a panel of then the same costs go in as at Wembley," said Billy Aird, a small-hall trainer and mantions, devised by a panel of independent medical experts and circulated by the board after the deaths in the ring of Bradley Stone and James Murray. Key points include compulsory MRI brain scans for boxers, new rules on weigh-in times and an exten-sion (to 45 days) of the stand. ager. "That's not right. With-out the likes of Mr Cowdell and people like me, the big-time boxers would never have got started off — yet we are being the worst affected by all thia."

sion (to 45 days) of the stand-down period for boxers knocked out or stopped. Cowdell says these are un-necessary and that the ex-pense involved will destroy Warren, whose company have promised a trust fund to have promised to trust fund to have promised to trust fund to have promised a trust fund to have promised a trust fund to have promised to trust fund to have promise grassroots boxing. "Licencebolders must have a say in the way that the sport is run," said Cowdell. "No one in-volved in boxing has a say in PHOTOGRAPH: ADIL BRADLOW anything that happens. The board of control will bring a

new rule out but they won't times. The [BBBC] regime ask me, a licence-holder, who has to implement that rule, pressures to ban boxing and the need to be flexible. Pat is just beloing the anti-boxing brigade with this." But John Morris, the general secretary of the BBBC, rejected Cowdell's criticism last night. "I don't know what

Morris concluded: "If what he's saying is that he doesn't they're trying to achieva," he want any more medicals than said. "The board believe that he had to have when he was want any more medicals than we must listen to what we are boxing, well. I'm sorry, the being told by the doctors and sport has moved on."

Possibly the batsmen's fail-ings and the weather have

One Capetonian knew in the weather was forecast: South Africa were going to be no rain but cooler. If batting

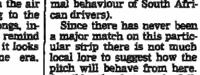
really. It was the only way to

for 124 in 37.4 overs after West Indies had scored 194.

to Brian McMillan's failure to

he bowled especially badly. There was just no menace there. He ran up with the air of a man apologising to the baismen for past wrongs, instead of trying to remind

them. Miracles aside, it looks like the end of one era, anyway. This remains a very puz-zling Test match, right down



Rugby Union

Cobner leads the shortlist for top Wales post

David Plummer

HE former Wales cap-tain and flanker Terry Cobner is expected to be Wales coach Tony Gray, Paul Thorburn, who captained Wales earlier this decade, named today as the Welsh Rugby Union's first director of rugby, a post with an annual salary in excess of 550,000. Cobner, who won 19 Dick Marks, the rugby dheccaps between 1974 and 1976, was one of eight short-listed tor of the Australian Institute of Sport

who this week officially who this week officially started his £40,000 a year job. While Bowring will be in charge of all the national squads Wales run at senior level, the rugby director will be expected to establish a Welsh style of play to be adopted by teams from the adopted by teams from the Under-18s upwards.

candidates interviewed last The rugby director will Cobner, a master at Oundle January 16 and is doubtful for month. Others included the former Wales coach Kevin Bowring, iles for four years until this against England on February iles for four years until this season and, in the 1980s, was the assistant cosch of Wales under the late fly-half John Bevan.

Meanwhile, the current Wales fly-half Neil Jenkins was ruled out for at least three weeks with a broken collarbone. He will miss the international against Italy on prosecutor.

3. The experienced Adrian Davies may return.

France's sports minister Guy Drut said yesterday that there were "troubling facts" in television contracts made by the French Rugby Federation and that he was referring the matter to the public

Drut, who in October set up an investigation into exclu-sive contracts awarded to France's two state television channels, said his inspectors'

report showed punishable of fences may have occurred. The private channel TF1 is reported to have made a higher bid, rejected by the federation, for the rights to cover domestic rugby and France's Five Nations games.

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Rusedski up

GREG RUSEDSKI faces the top seed and world No. 6 Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the

quarter-finals of the Austra-

lian Hardcourt Champion-

ships in Adelaide. The British No. 1's confron-

tation with the formidable

Russian was reward for his convincing elimination of

Kafelnikov

Gritty as ever, the old-style battler from the Midlands

Kevin Mitchell

PAT COWDELL is an un-likely revolutionary. Like many small-hall pro-moters the unassuming Midlander is a former boxer, and a good one. He held British and European titles at featherweight and super-featherweight, add-ing the prized Lonsdale

monwealth gold medal.

London.

ers at any weight. Nelson, indeed, recently won an Belt to a clutch of amateur other world title at 37.

Cowdell . . . new challenge

trophies including an Olympic bronze and Com-Cowdell retired in 1988 with a record of 36 wins in 42 bouts — all but a handful of them at championship level — after losing in eight rounds to the Welsh pros-pect Floyd Havard. That He was an upright techni-cian of the old school, his educated jab giving more flamboyant types the sort of headache he is now at-tempting to deliver to his administrative masters at stoppage was enough to convince him there were easier ways to make a living. Whether he still thinks so is debatable. Jack Petersen House in In 1981 he went to Texas

"Twe had the board on to me," he said yesterday, "but we have to find out and went 15 rounds with Mexico's formidable Salvador Sanchez in an unsuc-cessful challenge for the world title. It is his misfor-tune, though, to be best remembered for a first-ture the board surely has the

round knockout by the great Ghanaian world champion Azumah Nelson in Birmingham in 1985. Still, it was no disgrace. He a week, some of them un-was "canght cold" by one of employed, to find £500 for the most fearsome punch- | brain scans."

Ice Hockey

Vic Batchelder

in the sin bin.

UCHIN GRIFFITH was a happy man. "I'm sur-prised the roof's still on," said

Sheffield suffer sin and din

hand. So do third-placed Not-tingham Panthers (27 points) whom Steelers visit on Saturday. Humberside are fourth with 22 points from 19 games.

Humberside Hawks' coach after a capacity crowd of 2,200 at the Humberside Ice Arena adversary Boris Becker 6-2, had cheered his side to an 8 7-5 in the first round of the win over Sheffield Steelers. Cricket had cheered his side to an 8-3 Hawks clinched the points with an unanswered blast of England tour to SA four goals in the first 15 min-Live Commentary utes. By the end Mike Bishop, 0891 22 88 28 Darcy Cahill and Phil Huber had all scored twice, five of the Hawks' goals coming with Match Reports at least one Sheffield player

0891 22 88 29 Calls cost 39p/min chasp rate, Tim Cranston, the Steelers' most frequent offender. "blew

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a fuse" five seconds from time and was ordered off the ice. Sport @TheGuardian Steelers are now two points behind Cardiff Devils (31 from 20 games) at the top of the league and have a game in

Snooker Tennis High ambition Seles targets Wimbledon keeps Ebdon in full flow David Irvine

Bob Flaher

Clive Everton

PETER EBDON swept past Tony Drago 5-3 in the first round of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge at Birmingham's International Convention Centre yesterday and declared that he "would be disappointed if 1996 isn't the year when I become the priority. man to beat".

Beaten 10-3 for the UK title last month by Stephen Hendry, the runaway World No. 1, he said: "Stephen's the best in the world but I'll never give in. My actual level of snocker has to improve to seriously challenge him."

With no ranking points at stake here this week, Ebdon cannot improve upon his third place behind Hendry, the holder, and John Higgins in the provisional world rankings. But the £150,000 prize fund includes £30,000 for the Sailing winner and, with each player representing a designated charity, there is another £100,000 in the pot.

The volatile Drago won the first two frames but could not take another until his 73 accounted for the seventh. Ebdon showed characteristic intensity in recovering to 4-2 and in making a confident match-clinching break of 72 in the eighth frame. Terry Griffiths, at 48 the

oldest player in the tournament and perhaps appropri-ately representing Age Con-cern, fell 0-4 to Darren Morgan but closed to 3-4 before his fellow Welshman fluked a snooker on the last red and eventually got home 5-3 by doubling the blue. of the British vice-consul. Philip Ellis, to overcome

over the next 12 months, plus appearances in the Olympic Games and the Fed Cup. Though an encouraging declaration of intent, it may ONICA SELES, who has not played since losing the US Open final to Steffi Graf four declaration of intent, it may be over-optimistic Seles ad-mitted she had still not fully months ago, plans to compete in all four Grand Slam tourrecovered from a viral condi-tion that affected her blood naments in 1996 with Wimbledon, the only major event she has never won, as her chief and left her feeling weak, and she still has a problem with "My main goal is to im-prove my game a little bit," she said. "Otherwise I will her right ankle. per right ankle. But having been out of the competitive game for 32 of the past 33 months she is clearly keen that Australia — where she has never lost in 21 matches at the Effector Bart not be too happy with myself. In Grand Slam terms my main one is to do well at Wim-bledon." She lost the final

matches at the Finders Park arena in Melbourne — should be the starting point for a full resumption of her career. there to Graf in 1992. Seles was speaking before flying yesterday to Sydney, where she will contest next Hamburg, where Seles's where she will contest next Hamburg, where Seles's week's New South Wales vivid teenage career — eight Championship as part of her Grand Slam titles by 19 — was preparation for the Austra so cruelly interrupted when

where Graf, who misses the Australian Open after ankle surgery, is likely to return. Most of Seles' planned ap-pearances are in the United States, although she will be in Tokyo immediately after Mel-Seles ... better serve

bourne and plans to defend her Canadian Open title at Montreal in the summer. Seles will be nominated next week as top seed at the Australian Open, an event she won in 1991, 1992 and 1993. Nevertheless she regret-ted Graf's absence: "I'm

a more telling serve. "Because I've put on a bit more weight I think my really very disappointed she's pulled out after the great match we had in '93." strokes now have a bit more strength on them. But my movement is less than it was before. So there's a good side and a bad side. But I do feel Despite her lack of matches.

Seles is a strong favourite to regain the title at Melbourne. In winning 11 of the 12 she the biggest difference is my SALVA

Brewster back in business and ready to take on the world again

SAMANTHA BREWSTER Syesterday started a new able damage to the rigging crosstrees at the beginning of September. attempt to become the first woman to sail solo east-to-She left Southampton

aboard the 67ft Heath Inwest around the world. She sured in late October but left the Brazilian port of encountered trouble after Santos after her restart had been delayed for a second time because of difficulties 35 days when a spinnaker halyard winch was ripped off its mounting. in releasing a new spinna-After radio consultation stop passage which quali-with her shore support fies under the rules of the

ker from Brazilian

this final hurdle. Brewster afloat. Although members the Lage de Santos, a 125ft-had been forced into port of the shore support crew high rock, south of Cape after sustaining consider helped Brewster repair the Horn, across the Southern 85ft mast, the detour invalidated her record attempt. During the month-long stopover the yacht was completely re-stocked in preparation for the circumnavigation and for the whole record attempt to be

reconsidered. In order to achieve a non-It required the assistance crew she diverted to Santos World Sailing Speed Record 24-48 hours before I make their second victory as they of the British vice-consul, where the damage was con- Council. Brewster must any serious headway," she firmed to be irreparable take Heath Insured from said on leaving dock. 2-1.

Ocean to the Cape of Good Hope and then north to an imaginary line joining The Lizard in Cornwall and Ushant, off the coast of Brittany, before turning Hopman Cup mixed team south and heading back to event.

Santos. Weather conditions were not ideal yesterday when winds were frustratingly light. "It is likely to be

Stefan Edberg's last year on tour started on a losing note when he went down to his old Qatar Open. In Perth Martin Sinner saved three match points in the second set before beating Mark Philippoussis 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 as Germany ended the

host nation's hopes in the Sinner's triumph gave the

trophy holders an unassailable 2-0 lead. The Australians have lost their two ties. Croatia, top seeds, enjoyed

Australia's Scott Draper in the second round. After his 6-3, 6-2 victory Rusedski, seeded seventh in played in 1995 she confounded the pundits (and herself), not Adelaide, said he was pleased with his game — "my serving and ground strokes were good" — but that he was tryonly by picking up exactly where she left off in 1998 but by showing she had acquired ng to vary his approach.

minutes.

Even though Rusedski's service is his biggest weapon, he admitted: "I'm trying to play smarter, not go so much for the big serve every time." I'm trying to mix things up a little more.' Kafelnikov, a big server in

his own right, avenged last year's defeat by Mark Wood-forde in beating the Austra-

lian left-hander 6-4, 4-6, 6-1 in

a struggle lasting 1 hour 45

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Sports Guardian

LAST-WICKET STAND SWINGS SERIES BACK TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA

England pay for Atherton blunder

Mike Selvey in Cape Town

N THE course of a Test series a captain will be called upon to make thousands of decisions. Most are of insignificant importance, a few have a more direct impact on proceedings. Just occasionally, though comes one on which can hinge not only a session or even a match but the out-

come of the series. Late yesterday afternoon Mike Atherton, so often the cornerstone of the England side, made a mistake that by this evening will probably have cost England this match and with it the series. Like the bounty hunter who returned to try to nail dise. Outlaw Josey Wales, it was something he had to do but it may haunt him for the rest of

his career. Atherton's blunder, as it is sure to become known, was in

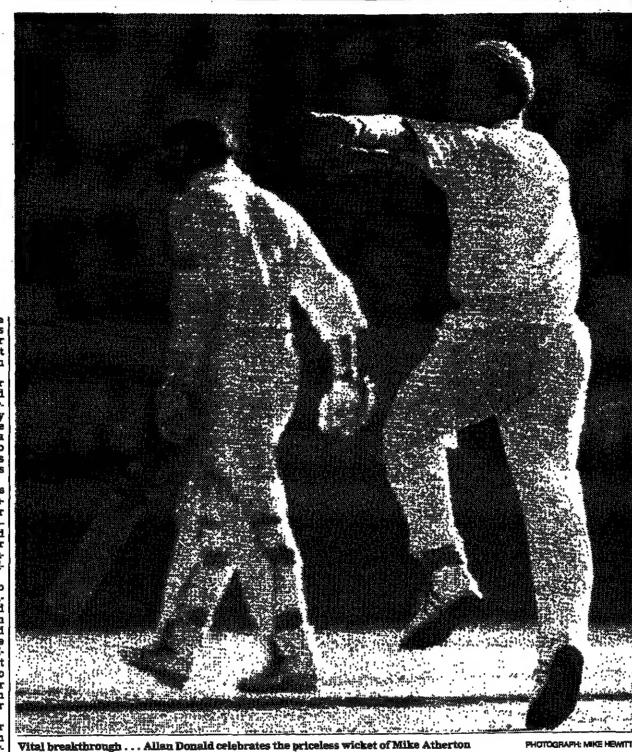


the bowler he chose to take the second new ball with his most prolific wicket-taker Dominic Cork in an attempt African wickets. He might have opted for Peter Martin, who had bowled heroically on a sear-

ingly hot afternoon to apply such a tourniquet that the flow of runs had dried to a trickle; or Angus Fraser who had rediscovered some of his rhythm and with it his

parsimony. Instead, as many captains — including, if they were hon-est, hundreds of amateur theorists in the stands would have done, he handed the ball to his fastest bowler Devon Malcolm in the not un-reasonable belief that tail-tenders roll over and die. Allan Donald duly did, to

the Cork-Russell combina-tion, giving the England wicketkeeper his 27th victim of an abbreviated series and taking him to within a single dismissal of Rod Marsh's alltime series record. That time series record. That reduced South Africa, who had begun the day at 44 for two, to 171 for nine, an 18-run lead that remained slender even on such a helpful pitch. South Africa, for all their packed batting side, were on the rack and England, buoy-ant, knew that a swift coup de



US take soul responsibility to heart



season but they produced a classic. Cal Ripken moved coolly past Lou Gehrig's "un-breakable" record of 2,130 con secutive games; Albert Belle became the first player to slug 50 homers and 50 doubles in a season; and new but distinctly old-fashioned stars such as At-lanta's square-jawed Chipper Jones evoked a more romantic era.

ans, a resurgent team, against the Atlanta Braves, the team

UT nowhere is the dif-ference more striking than in basketball.

Before Jordan's return from self-imposed exile

in March, the closest thing the

league's Most Valuable Player

Now commentators salivate

over the most exciting basket-

That is because, alongside

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of the Nineties.

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OMETHING peculiar has happened in offices, bars and living rooms across the United States; people have stopped moaning about sport. There is, of course, no shortare of whingeing about particular teams and players; about the Dallas coach Barry

Switzer's inexplicable decision to run the ball on a late-game fourth down against Philadelphia or the latest atrocity perpetrated by the Yankees megalomaniac and a handful of youngsters such as Shaquille O'Neal. It spoke volumes that the owner George Steinbrenner. But the existential anget has gone. When I arrived in the US a little over a year ago, one could not read the back award went to David Robin-son, the high-scoring but pages for more than a day or two without being assalled by a diatribe about how Ameri-can sport had lost its soul.

ball scene since the Lakers' glory days of the mid-Eighties The most profound source of ennui was the months-old Jordan's Chicago Bulls, with baseball strike which had al-ready cost a World Series and threatened to derail the entire their best ever starting record of 25 wins and three defeats this season, have turned the 1995 season. How had the game of Joe DiMaggio and Babe Ruth been reduced to a slanging match between two game into an exquisite ballet but no one is calling them Michael Jordan and the Jordanaires any more. groups of petulant million-aires, the nation wondered His Airness, Scottie Pippen has grown into a full-blown aloud superstar while the Bulls' new acquisition, the NBA's bad boy Dennis Rodman, has de-

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J H Kalins Exer & Marile	successive Tests and, to the utter delight of the packed crowd, 29 from Adams. A lead of 91, culled from no- where, was beyond the wild- est dreams of even the most optimistic South African. It reversed the whole tone of the day, leaving England 30 min- utes, or seven torrid overs, from Donald and Pollock — both with boilers stoked and steaming — before the close. It was Donald, having a mag- nificant game with the ball, who in his third over had Atherton caught at the wicket, fencing wearily.	captain but perhaps the pre- ceding events had preyed even on his mind. It was left to Stewart and the nightwatchman Angus Fraser, missed by McMillan at second slip off the last ball of the day, to see England to stumps at 17 for one. Hope, in cricket, springs eternal but things look desperate. Both in the morning ses- sion, when Kirsten, Cullinan and Rhodes played lacklustre bowling with some comfort, and in that awful final session the crowd were witness to the scabby face of English cricket. By lunch South Af- rica had taken the score to 109 for three, with Cullinan past his half-century, and already the chatter was of the match having been taken out of English control.	the hittable balls were elimi- nated, lengths and lines were maintained with admirable discipline and gradually the innings was pegged back. Only 36 runs came from 25 overs in the middle session, with the loss for South Africa of Cullinan (62) and Rhodes, both caught by Russell in successive overs, and McMil- lan, who was run out by Cork's stupendous direct hit from the covers as the bats- man tried to steal a single. The good work continued after tea and, with the innings stagnating and South Africa clearly jittery. Martin had Kallis leg-before and Watkin- son saw Pollock held off bat and pad at short-leg by Smith,	colm's bowling is always a high risk, the equivalent of placing bets on a single rou- lette number rather than red or black. Of 31 runs added be- fore he was removed from the attack, 18 came from his four overs. It uncreaked the score- board, altering the initiative just as readily as a windshift can change the course of a regatta. There was sadness in it all. Only a couple of months ago Nelson Mandela was refer-	artless without superstars like Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Larry Bird. Fans muttered about a new generation of trash-talking players with egos to match their pay-cheques. The un- lovely 1994 championship fin- als between the thuggish New York Knicks and the not-yet- classy Houston Rockets reeked of mediocrity. VEN gridiron football, notwithstanding the return to greatness of the San Francisco 49ers, offered little consola- tion. A familiar group of veter- ans continued to dominate while the AFC, vanquished in the previous 10 Super Bowls, again failed to produce a team to challenge seriously for the	clear night-sky; in Orlando the silky point-guard Anfer- nee "Penny" Hardaway is drawing comparisons to John- son and Jc dan; in Detroit the silver-tongued rookie Grant Hill is playing almost as well as he talk . In Houston Ha- keem Ola 1400r. and his Rock- ets still soar. Even the foothall play-offs seem exciting this year. The "winningest" team, as Ameri- cans like to say, are not Dallas or San Francisco but the AFC's Kansas City Chiefs. The top-rated quarter-back is not Marino or Elway but Jim Har- baugh of the improbable Indi- ana Colts, who won their first post-season game in 24 years last weekend. The Green Bay Packers, the gritty team-with- out-a-town, are great again. With so much to talk about, it is hardly surprising the moaners have forgotten that American sport is dead.
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Save money on home insurance an a little extra on you	d spend	ing he was speaking out against drugs "for the kids". "I was, I am and I always will be a drug addict," Mara- dona said in an interview with an Argentinian maga- zine. "You can't just get up and say: It's over.' You can't. You have to wake up	daughter Gianina a glass of water. "I couldn't get op. I felt like I was stuck to the mattress. And my hand shook. The cocaine had numbed me completely." Maradona went public with his problem as the Argentinian government launched a campaign against drug use by young people called "Sun Without Drugs". He will figure prominently in it. He said he had told his youngest daughter Dalma: "Papi made a mistake, a big mistake. Now I want to tell young people about this, and it is going to hurt you, but I want to try to help those kids who could go through the same thing I went through. "And she told me: Tm with you, Papi.' Tm going to take her with me on the anti-frug campaign, but not often, because every time I	18 19 20 21 23 21 23 23 25 25 1,4 Anclent patriarch in rash development by fiery chariot racer? (6,8) 9 Electric company gets a big shock on the Lizard (5) 10 Push-chair, a pet project	5 6 7 6 12 12 12 12 15 16 12 15 16 22 24 16 22 24 16 24 24 16 25 24 16 26 24 24 26 25 25 26 25 25 26 25 25 26 26 26 27 25 26 28 29 29 29 20 20 20 21 21 21 22 22 22 24 24 26 24 24 27 25 25 28 29 20 29 20 20 20 21 21 21 22 23 22 24 24 25 25 25 26 26	 IT RETCH BLIGHTY Q Y Q G Q A R MALE NIHILLISTIC S R T A L H G S P A I T R EDUG G O D E G S Y N A R H G O D E G S Y N A R H G O D E G S Y N A R H G O D E G S Y N A R H G O D E G S Y N A R H G O D E G S Y N A R H G O D E G S Y N A R H G O D E G S Y N A R H G A boy to calup for PII (10,3) G A boy to calup male voice choir in unison? (2,3,3) S Non-vocal beat? (6) D Dredge the River Swan? (5) 22 Fishy drawing of 10 down in water (5)
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